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Donner to Carry on Fight On Socialism, Communism

Charging that every person who raises his voice in protest against those who conspire to destroy the United States is "immediately smeared and maligned with all manners of labels," Robert Donner, 50 Marland Rd., Broadmoor, said today in a statement that he intends to carry on his fight against Marxian socialism or communism.

Donner's statement was prompted by references to him in a book called "The Trouble-Makers" in which it was labeled a "hate leader" by the authors Arnold Forester and Benjamin Epstein.

The book was issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as its annual study of racial and religious bigotry in the United States.

In his statement Donner said "The occasion of mailing the enclosed reprint of editorial published in the Palm Beach Times affords me the opportunity to make my position crystal clear in combatting the sinister and frightful matter's that beset our Republic of USA today. Never before have the dangers been so great. An enemy which conspires to destroy our country by a criminal conspiracy of complete, ruthless, sinister, insidious, and resourceful design is in our midst. Like the march of wooden soldiers, the skeletons in our national closet have been paraded before Americans in every conceivable guise of socialistic reform for the sole purpose of stirring up class, religious, and racial prejudices, economic unrest and fear of the future, and to undermine the confidence of Americans in their Constitution and the Declaration of Independence itself.

"Every man or woman who raises his or her voice in protest is immediately smeared and maligned with all manner of labels diametrically calculated to discredit his character and negate every protest in an effort to discourage and instill fear of reprisal.

"Many leading Americans have been unwittingly duped into joining Marxian-Communist fronts, the true objectives of which are carefully hidden. Few Americans realize that communism is simply a broad name for extreme socialism or liberalism. Many innocent people have been cruelly deceived by those who would promise all things to all men.

"I happen to be one of those unhappy Americans who by reason of my sources of information have watched this ominous and frightening storm gathering for many years. When the dangers seemed trivial, my efforts to awaken the American people in this area were not considered sufficiently important to warrant reprisal.

During the past few months, however, the reaction has set in and vicious, unwarranted attacks are being made on my personal motives, integrity, and objectives. Hence the reason for this statement.

"My personal, political, social, moral and mortal enemy is Marxian socialism or communism. I have dedicated my life fighting it wherever it appears, in whatever guise it may assume, and on any point of contact I will not hesitate to use any legitimate methods to uncover and expose any person or doctrine which I believe is calculated to undermine and destroy the foundations of our great country. To this end I will use every resource at my command, since I am convinced beyond a shadow of doubt that the sole objective of the Marxists, whether they be extreme socialists or communists, is to destroy the United States of America completely and finally and by force and violence if necessary.

"Of the many techniques employed by these sinister foes, perhaps the most insidious and successful is that of creating mistrust, suspicion, and hatred among those classes of Americans who are listed as the most active enemies of communism. When a guilty member of a certain sect, class, or race is singled out for attack, the cry is immediately raised that the accuser is attempting to stir up race, religious or class hatred. Fear of reprisal is a favorite weapon to blackmail opposition into a self-destroying silence.

"The pursuit of this objective is not and cannot be a one-man job. To succeed even to a limited extent I and others must have the help of every clear thinking patriotic American regardless of class, race, creed, or color. I earnestly and humbly solicit the moral support and active help of every man and woman in this community, this state, and the Republic of the United States of America.

"I am not afraid."

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Donner Labeled 'Hate Leader' in Report by ADL

Robert Donner, 50 Marland Road, Broadmoor, described as a "wealthy Denver industrialist who for years has distributed 'devsive literature,'" is called a "hate leader" in the annual study of racial and religious bigotry in the United States issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The league's book, called "The Trouble-Makers," is authored by Arnold Forster and Benjamin Epstein.

Others in Colorado that were criticized by the authors were Harvey Springer, pastor of the First Baptist Church and Tabernacle, in Englewood, Colo., and Kenneth Goff of Denver, who is called head of the Colorado Anti-Communist League.

The book, the authors cite Donner for his long record of close co-operation with Joseph P. Kamp, pamphlet author and founder of the Constitutional Educational League.

According to the authors, Donner is said to have distributed Kamp's various pamphlets and contributed money to his cause and "thru the years the two men have checked on persons whom they consider dangerous."

The book's authors say a vast enterprise of prejudice that feeds upon domestic disputes and capitalizes on international strife exists in this country.

The nationwide survey was released jointly by the League's national chairman, former New York Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink.

Donner had no comment to make today concerning the book or its reference to him.

"I will have a release pretty soon going out to quite a few people around this community," he said. "This is a pretty touchy subject and I will have to give it a lot of thought."

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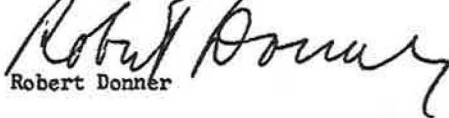
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October 20, 1958

Dear Friend:

The enclosed reprint of the RISE AND PROGRESS OF REVOLUTION is of a document which was a warning to the American people in the year 1800 and is more of a warning to them now in this year of 1958 — 158 years later.

When you have read and re-read this document, your comments would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Robert Donner

Enclosure

THE SURVIVAL OF OUR COUNTRY IS AT STAKE!

RISE & PROGRESS of REVOLUTION:

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RISE & PROGRESS of REVOLUTION

It is impossible to open our eyes upon the world, without remarking order and gradation irresistibly and indelibly stamp'd, by the Great Creator, on all his works. This pervades inanimate as well as animal nature, and prevails not only in the earth, but in the heavens, and we are taught it not only by our senses and reason, but by Revelation. From the grain of sand, to the rock, from the particle of earth, to the diamond, from the mole hill, to the mountain, from vegetable life, through all its degrees, to animal life, from the torpid shellfish, to the half reasoning elephant, from the idiot or the savage, to the sage and the philosopher, from man, in his utmost perfection, to the angel, and through angels, in all their ranks, to the Infinite, Almighty, and Incomprehensible Source of all Being, we see order rising above order, degree above degree, power above power, and, of beings of the same species, different grades of worth and eminence. This is the work of God, and every attempt, to disturb this order of subordination, is an attempt against the will and power of the Almighty.

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Yet this impious attempt, to disturb that order established by God himself, the pride of Reason has been constantly making. It was begun before the world was made, and has been persisted in, with unwearied industry, in all ages and countries. It has been shewn in reasoning down all authority, rejecting the influence of all opinion, and resisting all power. And its source is Pride, inspiring discontent with the condition allotted by the Author of nature, and desire of exaltation above the prescribed measure. The first effort of this destroying passion was against the throne of God. Lucifer, son of the morning, conspired to dethrone God, and drew down, on his and his deluded followers' guilty heads, everlasting destruction from the presence of their Almighty Lord. Man in Paradise, inspired, by Pride, with discontent, slighting the happy state assigned by his Maker, from a fatal ambition of light, knowledge, and power, and a vain desire to exalt his nature above its degree, brought sin, misery, and death, on him and his posterity.

"Aspiring to be Gods, if Angels fell,
"Aspiring to be Angels, Men rebel."

The pride of the Jews, to govern themselves, made them reject the government of God, and discontent with his dispensations, made them rebel.

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against his providence, and these distracting passions brought on them calamity and ruin

The slightest observation will shew us, that God hath set bounds to human Liberty, and rendered Equality impossible Yet, in spite of all experience, a pursuit of these vain phantoms has been incessantly repeated, and, like the *Ignis fatuus*, they have constantly led their followers into the bogs and fens of anarchy, confusion, and misery They spring from Pride, and end in Destruction. They declare war against all authority, resist all power, and oppose all influence, and, as with the fabled Giants, Heaven itself is not too sacred for their attacks

Let then a people, who, like us, enjoy a Government of rational liberty, strive rather to prevent it's abuse into licentiousness, than, by aspiring at more, neglecting all experience, and contemning all authority, destroy the blessings of true liberty, and plunge ourselves into confusion, anarchy, and despotism Ours is not like the state of nations in Europe, where, to arrive at our state such sad scenes have been acted, as will long blacken the picture of human calamity A people once roused from submission to authority, and loosed from the restraints of law, and the influence of opinion, was never yet known, without the compulsion of

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external force, or the sad experience of internal calamity, to stop at the happy mean between liberty and slavery And, in the struggle, what dreadful havoc has been made of all the charities of social life, till man has seemed more cruel, than the beast of prey, and more barbarous than the savage of the wilderness! By such a struggle, the people of the United States have no addition of liberty to gain, but much of liberty and happiness to lose It becomes us therefore justly to value, and wisely to improve the Government which we enjoy, and, casting an eye over the conduct of other nations, to learn wisdom by the experience of their errors, without a participation of their sufferings.

The Revolutions now operating in Europe sprung not from the impulse of a day, nor a sudden concurrence of random passions and circumstances Their foundations were long laid deep and wide in an extensive and systematic operation on public opinion, by a combination of vast art, industry, and influence. The full extent of the force of this combination was not at first seen It was developed only by degrees, and success in one step opened the view, led the way, and spurred the diligence to another; till it acquired a gigantic force, that, it would seem, only the hand of Heaven can arrest

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But let us not hastily suppose, because human power has not yet been able to stop it's progress, that the cause of Revolution is the cause of God, or that he favours it's progress or success. The ways of God are wonderful, and with nations, as with individuals, when wickedness is to be punished, he permits passions to rage and prevail, employs one wicked nation, to scourge, not only itself, but other nations, till he has worked his own ends, when he quiets the storm, and restores such order as accords with the views of his providence. It is not, therefore from success, but from ends and means, that we are to determine whether a cause be favoured by God. Success alone, without relation to ends and means, may be a mark only of his vengeance, and fiery indignation.

The end, which the promoters of those Revolutions had in view, was the destruction of all authority human and divine, of all authority founded on faith, and all authority founded on reason and experience, the destruction of all Revelation, of all Government, of all established Opinion, and of all the bonds of human Society. Thus they were to accomplish in the specious way of reforming corruptions, removing prejudices, and restraining oppression. Their Equality was, that man should be equal to God, and any man equal to

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every other. Their Liberty was that every man should be free from 'all law, and be a law to himself.

The means, by which these ends were to be effected, have been detailed by several writers, and their combination, from it's secrecy, system, and art, has been justly called a Conspiracy. I have seen them best unfolded and digested in Barruel's "Memoirs for illustrating the History of Jacobinism," a book which deserves the perusal of every serious enquirer. If the horrid nature of the plots there disclosed should shock credibility, the narrative is so supported, as, at least, to make a deep impression, that such things may have been, if it do not make it impossible to with-hold belief, that such things really were. He divides the conspiracy into three parts, 1, The Antichristian Conspiracy, whose object was, to destroy the Christian Religion, 2, The Antimonarchical Conspiracy, to destroy all Kingly Government, and 3, The Antisocial Conspiracy, to destroy, not only all principles of Religion and Government, but all principles of Civil Society, and bring men back to the savage state of Nature.

Let no man, who has not read this book, reject belief of these plots, as incredible, because they are horrid. The extravagance of the Reforming and Revolutionizing principle, when excited,

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exerted, and indulged, knows no bounds Look at the history of the Religious sects, which sprung from the Reformation in Germany, and then say, whether any thing be too absurd or shocking to be true!

1 The object of the first Conspiracy was the destruction of the Christian Religion

Though it be as clear as demonstration could make it, that Man cannot be restrained within rational and moral bounds, without Religion, yet Religion, in all ages and nations, has had it's enemies and opponents Ever since the Revelation of the Gospel, the Christian Religion has had its enemies and opponents But they acted separately, without union, and it was reserved for the Philosophers of France, in the present century, to form a combination, for the avowed purpose of systematically tearing up by the roots the whole plan of the Gospel, and abolishing the whole doctrine and worship, and the very name of Christ; to divide among themselves the several parts of this Conspiracy, and pursue its accomplishment with persevering and exulting co-operation It was not the Catholic Church, nor the Protestant Church, but the Christian Church, the Religion and name of Christ, against which their united efforts were levelled, and these efforts were pursued as the main business of their lives

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Deism is but a resting place on the way to Atheism, and those Philosophers made the whole progress of the journey Having successfully propagated the abolition of the belief in Christ, they next proceeded to abolish the belief in God, Heaven and Hell, and to set men free from all restraint of God, from all authority of Faith, from all hopes and fears of a life to come Thus were men freed from authority, enlightened from ignorance, reformed from prejudice, restored to Reason, and established in a Liberty of each forming an opinion and faith for himself, and an Equality which put the dictates of Man on a footing with the Revelation of God, and the opinion of each man on a level with that of every other

Corruptions will creep into every Church, and these will be the first objects of attack by all Enlighteners and Reformers In reforming these, they may reckon on the support of sensible and honest men In all matters of Faith, there must be some, which human reason cannot explain for who, by searching, can find out God! In attacking these, they may reckon on the support of human pride and vain philosophy: for man will be wise above that which is written, and will oppose what he cannot comprehend In the commencement of their attack on Religion, they were thus sure of a party, and, a party once gained, it was easy to inflame their passions, and lead them to any

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extent beyond their first views of Reformation. If they met with opposition, their zeal would rise in proportion, and reason and utility be lost in the conflict. Such is the pride of man, and so delusive his boasted reason, when it casts off the lessons of experience, the influence of opinion, and the authority of Faith!

To these enlightening and reforming projects, the opposition of the clergy of the established Church was to be expected, and, to destroy that opposition, the character, influence, and establishment of the Clergy must be attacked. Their vices and their follies (for what order of men is without them!) were exposed and exaggerated, and all the power or reasoning and ridicule was exhausted, to render them odious and contemptible. All their personal virtues, and all the benefits of their establishment were cautiously concealed from view, and buried in silence, and they were represented as deceivers and oppressors of the people.

Besides the secular clergy, the Christian Church in France had powerful supporters, in the Religious orders, which had long been established there. These also must be overthrown, to make way for the new Philosophy. To overthrow any establishment, unsupported by force, licentious censure and ridicule alone will suffice, and of these the Philos-

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ophers had ample score, which they lavishly expended on all Religious Societies.

But there was one, which, above all others, the Conspirators hated and dreaded, the Society of the Jesuits. The members of this society were the guides of education in France. It was vain, to corrupt the opinions of the existing generation, if the rising generation was to be educated in the doctrines of Faith, and in hostility to the new philosophy. Philosophy could never prevail, if Religion were left, like the Hydra, ever shooting up new heads. Voltaire and his infidel associates, with all their light and reformation, must fall, or the society of Jesuits must be destroyed. Against this Society, the masters of education in France, was the force of the philosophers directed. They succeeded, the Society was abolished, and the instruction of youth was surrendered to the Philosophers.

They then laboured, with mischievous success, to surround princes, ministers, and great men, with Confessors of the new philosophy, to fill places of trust and power with converts to the new philosophy, to fill the chairs of the Colleges with Professors of the new philosophy, to put all town and country schools under the direction of the new philosophy, to fill the country with books and pamphlets of the new philosophy; and to have les-

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sons and pamphlets of the new philosophy recited in schools, and places of resort, till philosophy filled the kingdom, and Religion vanished

In this struggle between Philosophy and Religion, both Prince and People were deluded into a fatal neutrality, or a blind or treacherous cooperation with the enemies of both. Priestcraft (as they called Religion) was represented as hostile to the sovereignty and power of the prince, and to the liberty and equality of the people, and both united to destroy the true guardians of each, and saw their error only when it was too late, like the sheep, after the surrender of their dogs, when the wolves tore them in pieces

2 Having thus prostrated the altars, the philosophers turned to the throne, and with fresh courage and zeal, and increased force, engaged in the Anti-monarchical Conspiracy, to destroy all kings. To have begun their attack here would have been unsafe, because they might have been instantly crushed by the force of Government. And, if there had been no force immediately at the command of Government, to have begun this attack, till first they had destroyed Religion in the minds of the people, would have been unsafe, because subjection to the higher powers is an ordinance of God. But, when they had succeeded in corrupting the minds of the

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people, and persuading them, that there was no power above man, it was easy to persuade them, that all men are equal, and free to think and do as they please. Destruction of human authority is an easy thing, after all divine authority is destroyed

Still, however, as there was a force immediately at the command of Government, it behoved the Conspiritors to proceed with caution and secrecy. It was easier to sap, than to storm, the throne. And the engines they used were the press and secret societies. Books and pamphlets were secretly printed, and dispersed *gratis* through the kingdom, discussing the metaphysical doctrines of Liberty and Equality, without direct application to the existing Government. The respective merits of a Republican and of a Monarchical government were discussed, as an abstract question, without relation to France, and a decisive preference was given to the former. The power of Reason and Morality was considered as sufficient to control man in an enlightened state; and all force and authority was considered as useless. They were worse than useless: they were dangerous and tyrannical violations of natural right. All authority was inconsistent with the natural right of Equality, and every social compact was inconsistent with the natural right of Liberty: and these rights were considered as unalienable. To give influence

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to such opinions, ancient errors and perversions of Religion were called in. As they had established, that there was no God, the whole of Nature was received as their God, and every man was a part of this. Thus it became impious to suppose, that any man, a part of the divinity, should be held in subjection in this life, or punished in any future state, and all law and magistracy was represented as a contrivance of the Evil Principle.

It is not to be supposed, that all these doctrines were taught by all the Reformers. Each would take his part. Some would go farther than others. Some would be restrained by their understanding, and others by their prudence. And all would see the necessity of working in secret, till their doctrines had made a sufficient impression, and they had secured a party of strength beyond fear.

They combined therefore in secret societies, secretly formed, digested, and matured their plot, and dispersed their opinions over the kingdom.

The Mason Lodges established throughout France afforded the Philosophers a complete and extensive organization of secrecy. The Reformers intruded themselves into the Lodges, to inculcate their congenial doctrines of Liberty and Equality.

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The tie of Brotherhood was henceforth to influence men instead of the obligations of Religion and Government, and the world was to become one Mason lodge. The poison now infected the whole country, and all that was wanting, to complete the scheme, was to corrupt the court and the army.

Courtiers and Ministers were seduced by this fashionable philosophy. "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Secret societies and lodges in the army initiated the officers and soldiers. And the Monarchy, thus deprived of its force, and the support of Religion, was led a bound victim to destruction, and fell as without a blow.

Hitherto Religion had been but hated, despised and humbled: but, to the fall of the throne, succeeded the destruction of the altar. The Churches were converted into temples of Reason, and Reason, not God, became the object of worship. Solemn and public profession was made, that Christ was an Imposter, that there was neither God nor Soul, and that death put an eternal end to Man. And the Reformers, having now nothing to fear, either from Government or Religion, laid their savage hands on the people, and violated, plundered, and murdered them, without mercy or decency.

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3 It will have been observed, that the principles, which led to the destruction of the French Monarchy, led equally to the destruction of all Government of every description. It is not probable, however, that all of the Reformers intended this, or that they had all the same views on this point. Some may have intended only the ruin of Religion, under the denomination of Priests and Priestcraft. Others wished to go farther, and destroy all Monarchy and Kings, under the denomination of Tyranny and Tyrants. And here, perhaps, the more moderate of the Reformers would have stopt, and been satisfied with the establishment of a Republic, if each could hope to succeed in procuring the adoption of his own plan of Government. But the Philosophers had employed the Jacobins, as the executioners of their vengeance on the Altar and the Throne, and these agents soon became their Masters, silenced or murdered the Philosophers, and proceeded, in their own way, to reform the Government. How little do men see, who promote insurrection or revolution, and hope to lead it, that they must soon sink under it's force, and be among the first victims of the fury which they excite! However honest may be the views of it's promoters, in the progress of insurrection or revolution, ignorant, violent, and wicked men will soon take the lead, and conduct an enraged people to any extremity.

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The Jacobin Society in Paris soon bore down every authority, and, in fact, governed the whole nation. It guided the Parisian populace, overawed the National Assembly, and, by means of it's affiliated societies throughout the kingdom, led public opinion, and directed all measures every where as it pleased, and nothing could resist it's force.

The views of this abominable sect were displayed in every part of France, by a disregard of all morality and justice, of the rights of marriage and property, of commerce and manufactures, of every thing which holds society together, or renders life valuable or safe. And, in pursuance of those views, outrage, violation, murder, pillage, burning, and devastation, were every where perpetrated with indiscriminating fury, till all social order and happiness seemed to be destroyed, and France verged fast to barbarism.

This was the third part, or the Antisocial Conspiracy, to destroy the principles, which adorn, support, and connect civil society, and to bring men back to the savage state of Nature. Such was the object of the Illuminees or Illuminati, members of the sect of Illuminism or Illuminatism. It's author a German Professor, of the name of Weishaupt, at Ingolstadt in Bavaria, who founded and extended the sect, with profound art and

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secrecy, and with the daring ambition of governing the whole world. This was his end, and his means were secret societies, or corrupting public opinion by means of the press and secret societies. Having associated to himself some confidential men, they employed fit persons to gain converts to his opinions, under the specious pretence of Instructing and Enlightening them, and under the solemn impression of secrecy and adjuration. When members were enlisted and initiated, after some trial of their fidelity and fitness, they were raised to a higher, and a higher order, in proportion to their capacity and disposition to advance the interests of the sect, every order opening new discoveries of the mysteries of the society, and new instructions in their doctrine, and every order guarded with additional sanctions of secrecy, mystery, and respect. The members of a lower class knew not the members of any higher class, nor the members of other societies of the same class. The Superior or President of every class corresponded with the order next above that. Their societies, spread every where, were distributed into divisions, districts, and provinces. They had fictitious names for distinguishing persons and places. All correspondence in the lower classes was directed to the officer superintending the smallest division, by him to the officer superintending the division or district next more extensive, and so on till it came to Weishaupt.

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and his Directory. Thus the different classes were ignorant of the persons and numbers of the society, but were strongly impressed with the strength, magnitude, and extent of it. The Council which directed it was unknown; but it was understood, that it had but one direction, and moved with uniform and irresistible force. Every class observed the opinions taught in it to be inculcated, at the same time, in every part of the civilized world, and every important event was represented, and appeared, to be the work of the society. Thus its power appeared omnipotent, all its members were absolutely under its control, and its dominion over their minds was above any other dominion of God or man. Every member of it was prepared to promote its success, as the first duty, and to obey *all* commands of the society. Instant vengeance was known to be the consequence of any disobedience or treachery. And every member was prepared for treason, perjury, murder, or any crime, that would promote the interests of the society, or the injunctions of his Superior. In this manner did Weishaupt pursue universal dominion.

The first instructions to the converts were of a general nature; as the miseries of oppression, the corruptions of government, the delusions of superstition, and the evils of society. As they improved

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in disposition, and rose to higher and higher degrees, new instructions and mysteries were opened to them, and still they were spurred on by curiosity of greater mysteries and more light to be yet displayed. The evils arising from property, the inequality in it's division, and the cruelty of all restraint on human will and conduct, were gradually explained to them. Then was described the happy golden age, when all things were common, and men lived without labour, content with the natural fruits of the earth, and had no wants, because each being satisfied with little, there was enough to supply all. In this happy time, there was no need for government, punishment, or restraint, for, there being neither property nor want, all had equal right, and equal abundance. There was no then temptation to crimes, and the mild influence of paternal instruction was sufficient control. To Society and Government, therefore, were all the evils of life to be ascribed, and from this or that man calling this house, this field, this woman, his, arise all the temptation to evil. Abolish the right of property, and there will be no temptation to do evil. Diminish wants, and you have no need for property. Destroy property, and you have no need for laws. Be content with the bounties of Nature, and you have no need for agriculture, manufactures, commerce, arts, learning, or society. All men will then be free and equal, and may live,

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like the savage, on milk, honey, and acorns. Thus Society and Government may be dispensed with, Morality will be Law, Reason will be Religion, and Liberty and Equality will give happiness. This was the secret of Illuminism, and, to give it all possible importance, it was represented as the true meaning of the Christian Religion, which was stated to be but an allegorical representation of the doctrine of Illuminism, or the Religion and state of Nature. And, to reduce the Christian Religion, and all other religions, and all laws, to subordination to this doctrine, it's origin was carried back to the beginning of the world. The Fall of Man was represented as meaning Man's departure from original Liberty and Equality, and entering into the Social and Civil state. The Redemption of Man was represented as meaning the destruction of Society and Government, and the bringing back of men to the patriarchal life. And the Gospel was made to mean Liberty and Equality, or Natural Religion.

While these abominable doctrines were taught in Germany and dispersed through the world, the Jacobins in France, well instructed in them, opened the Revolution, and put them in practice. Hence the destruction of property, the persecution of learned men, the burning of Libraries, the ruin of Lyons and other manufacturing towns, the depres-

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sion of commerce, and the attempts to equalise estates, and dissolve marriages. And hence proceeded the vast flood of misery and mischief, which overwhelmed France, and will desolate any country cursed with such detestable opinions.

Yet these doctrines of darkness, desolation, and death, were propagated under the pretence of giving light, liberty, and happiness, to Man, to make man free, equal, and happy! All Government, whether Monarchy, Aristocracy, or Democracy, all Magistracy, was to be abolished, that an absolute and despotic tyranny might be exercised over the whole earth, by the sect of the Illuminati directed by Weishaupt. All government in France was to be destroyed, that Robespierre, directing the French Illuminati, the Jacobin society, might exercise a cruel and despotic tyranny over that unhappy country.

Such are the doctrines, measures, and men, which, in every age and country, rise out of insurrection, revolution, disorganization, and disorder, springing from human pride and discontent, and ending in human misery and oppression.

From this view of the late Reformations, and Revolutions in Europe, the following deductions may be made

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1 In every state of society and government, it results from the corrupt and imperfect nature of man, that abuses must exist. This is inseparable from our condition, as a law imposed by providence, and no human care can prevent or remove it.

2 Such abuses will always furnish proud, discontented, and ambitious men, who have no means of correcting them, with opportunity of clamour and censure.

3 This clamour and censure will collect a party, some of honest men, who really wish to see abuses corrected, without knowing or considering justly how this is to be done; and some of worthless and wicked men, who have nothing to lose, by any change, and desire confusion.

4 There is always less energy in those who enjoy or indulge the powers of Government, or the benefits of society, than in those who would invade both: for there is never so much energy to retain as to acquire. Therefore, the invading party will always gain strength over the defending party.

5 Wherever, therefore, the Government is not supported by force to defend itself against all attacks, or by the sound opinion and fixed prejudice of the people in its favour, the party undertaking

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to reform the abuses of the Government, if they employ secret societies and the press, to corrupt public opinion, will always succeed against the party exercising the powers of Government

6 But when the Reforming party has succeeded, so far as to destroy the influence of Government, they will feel restraint or force above them. The sensible and honest may be content with the reformation of real abuses, but artful, ignorant, violent, and wicked men will rise up, to take from the sensible and honest all influence, feign abuses which have no existence, pervert reformation into a destruction of all peace and happiness, and introduce disorder, misery, and oppression. And there is no opinion so absurd, and no extravagance so excessive, that a people, who have once shaken off the restraint of Government and the influence of opinion, may not be led to adopt and pursue

After this view of the Reformations and Revolutions in Europe, and the deductions from them, an important point remains, the practical application of these to ourselves. The use of History is to make us wise by the experience of others

Those abuses, which existed or exist in Europe, and against which the attacks of the Reformers

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were directed, exist not in this country. The rights of Conscience are in full exercise here. We have no established Church or Clergy, to riot on vast estates annexed to their functions, to control the conscience, or to extort the property of the people. Religion here is left, without any aid from Government, to be supported or neglected, as the opinions of individuals may suggest. Whether this be a favourable state for Religion, Government, or Society, I am not here to examine. But, as every man is, in this respect, free to do as he pleases; no man, who wishes not to see Religion entirely extinguished, has any room for complaint.

We have among us no Tyranny. We have no King, to become a Tyrant over us by hereditary right, or even for life. Every officer, from the highest to the lowest, is chosen, either by ourselves, or by those whom we appoint for that purpose, and the authority of every officer is limited by law, and by good behaviour.

Among our citizens, a political Equality exists, to its utmost practicable extent. We have no privileged orders, the rights of all are equal, all are equally subject to laws, taxes, and duties; and all are equally free to acquire and enjoy wealth and office.

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Our Constitution secures us in the enjoyment of Liberty Our laws, are made by Representatives chosen by ourselves In choosing Representatives, it will hardly be pretended, that the whole people have not their full influence, and no man, I think, who desires, that the Government should be conducted with any regard to the interest and happiness of the country, will wish to see that right of voting more widely extended

As our Government is thus Republican, it's Administration has been conducted with as much wisdom and integrity, as the limits of human nature will permit us to hope, and there is no reasonable ground of belief, that any change of officers would improve the administration of the Government

Our taxes are such as have been occasioned by our necessities and duties, they are imposed by our Representatives, they are not burdensome, and they are light, in comparison with those of other countries

I do not see, in our Government, among the subjects of clamour and censure, any thing, which a sensible, honest, and reflecting man could hope to mend And such men will, I hope, see, that the clamours and censures against our Government

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are raised on false grounds, and by vain fears, and can lead to no good, but may, or must, lead to mischief

If we find, therefore, in this country, clamours and censures against our Government, similar to those in Europe, but without any of their causes, and like combinations, arts, and means used, to carry them into active operation in the work of Reformation, Insurrection, Revolution, and Disorder, we have reason to apprehend, that they are directed not against similar abuses, (since they do not exist in our Government) but against the Government itself; that they spring from pride and discontent, and will end in confusion and misery, and that they lead to the destruction of all authority human and divine, of all Government, of all Faith, of all established Opinion It is no security against this, that those, who now excite and conduct such clamours and censures, do not intend, that such effects should ensue. If they do not, in the tumults which they excite, other men will arise who do, whose influence will soon overpower their's, and lead to extravagancies not to be foreseen This is a lesson taught us by all experience of scenes of this nature

We have seen, that the attacks of the combination of Reformers in Europe were directed, 1,

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against Religion, 2, against Government, and, 3, against Society, and that those attacks were directed, at first, against the abuses of those institutions, and at last, against the institutions themselves. It has been stated, and, I think, cannot be denied, that those abuses exist not in this country, and, if we see, in this country such combination, the attack here must be aimed, not at the abuses, which exist not, but at the very existence of Religion, Government, and Society. It is not to be expected, that such intention should be professed: if it exist, it will be denied, for a confession of it would excite such resentment and opposition, as would defeat it. It will, therefore, be concealed under some plausible pretext, till it gain force enough to be avowed without danger, and to ensure success.

1 I cannot permit myself to doubt, that the support of Religion is a public duty, and that whatever lessens the competent maintenance of Public worship injures Religion. Tythes exist not here, but, if imposed at the creation of an estate, are, as Rent, part of it's price, given to an useful purpose, and protected by all the rules of property, and are not a tax, but a debt on the proprietor. Estates given for the maintenance of Public worship are also protected by all the rules of Property. Withdrawing these is withdrawing support from Public worship, and injuring Religion.

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Every attack on Revelation is an attack on the Christian Religion. But do we not see, current and popular, philosophical attempts to discredit the account given in the sacred scriptures of the creation and age of the world, the origin of mankind, the deluge, and other remarkable events recorded there. These are matters of Faith, and matters of Faith are unfit subjects of Philosophical discussion. Even objects of our senses baffle all efforts of Reason in accounting for the works of God. We see that things *are* so and so, but *how* they are so, we cannot explain. Shall we wonder, then, that, in matters of Faith, Reason can enquire no farther, than into the evidence that they are revealed by God! If there be no design to destroy all Faith in the Christian Religion, and Revelation in general, how came it, that Paine's Age of Reason, the most virulent, scurrilous and blasphemous attack on Revelation and the Christian Religion, printed in France, and sent over, in vast numbers to the United States, was circulated with such industry and zeal throughout this country? We had no established Priests or Priestcraft, and the attack was levelled against the Gospel, the Bible, and all Revealed Religion. Is this no evidence of a combination to destroy Revelation, and bring us back to the Religion of Nature! Is it no evidence of a combination with the Reformers in France, who destroyed the Christian Religion there!

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Further, it is the end of the Christian Religion, and the duty of its Ministers, to enforce the practice of all duties arising out of every relation, as members of the state, of society, and of families. For the exercise of this duty, by Ministers of the Gospel, they are answerable to God, and ought not to be dependent on the temporary passions or resentment of their People. They ought to be guides, not slaves, to their flocks. How comes it, that there is such zeal to keep Ministers in a state of servile dependence on their people, to cast them off, not because they do wrong, but because they displease, to restrain them from instructing their people in a duty highly important, and much inculcated in Scripture, Civil duty, and, when they give such instruction, to withdraw their support, under the pretence of their becoming politicians? Is not this a restraint and tyranny over the consciences of their pastors? And does it not shew a design to destroy the influence of Religion over the duties of, at least one important relation, if not every relation of life, thus to cast off its restraints, and leave men free from all fear of GOD?

I will not enlarge on the incessant eulogies of that freedom of conscience, as they call it, which we enjoy, in being free to contribute to

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the support of *any* Minister, or of *no* Minister, of enjoying *any* Public worship, or *no* Public worship. Happily our opinions are not yet so far corrupted, nor our Religious impressions so erased, as to see the full extent of this boasted freedom of conscience. But, when we consider from whose mouths its praises come, we have reason to fear, that they praise this Religious Liberty, as preparing the way for a *Liberty from all Religion*, when men will be left, without the influence of the fear of God, to fear only each other.

If there exists here a design to take off the influence of Religion from human conduct, nothing more is necessary for we have no establishment to destroy.

2 If, as I think is manifest, there be no rational prospect of improving Liberty in our Government, by enlarging the power of the people, to what, but a dissolution of our Government, do the constant clamours and censures of it tend? And, as we hear them, nearly in the same words, in all quarters of the Union, from proud, ambitious, and discontented men, is not this evidence of a combination to destroy the Government? Let any man, who doubts this, examine the proceedings of the Assem-

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blies of Virginia and Kentucky, and then, if he doubts, I have no further argument to offer. I will not assert, that all the promoters of those clamours, censures, and remonstrances, intend a destruction of the Government. These deceivers may be themselves deceived. But let it be remembered, that violence begun, seldom, if ever, stops where its authors intends that it should, and, whatever limits they may set to themselves, in this violence, others will arise in succession, and each go beyond the bounds prescribed by his predecessor. "The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water." The promoters of these clamours may be "in sport," but it is the sport of "a mad man, who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death."

3 In our state of society, we have no man born to pre-eminence, or, from birth, entitled to privilege or distinction. All that a son can inherit from his father, is his property. Office and wealth are open to every one, who can acquire them by merit, reputation, industry, or ingenuity. That some will be stronger, wiser, richer, or more learned, than others, results from the dispensations of Providence, and the varieties of the human frame, and no human power can prevent it. Will any man own a wish to

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change this order of Providence? Why then do we see those daily endeavours, to render odious all men distinguished, above others, for their wealth, their wisdom, or their learning, to put the worthless and the vile above the useful and intelligent, to confound honour with ignominy, and merit with mischief, and make Society a chaos of discordant qualities, without order or station, to hold up, as objects of hatred and envy, all who subsist without manual labour, and to reprobate manufactures, and yet more commerce, as hostile to agriculture, and unfriendly to the poor? Does this shew no unfavourable disposition to civilized Society, and to that order and gradation, which God has impressed on all nature?

It may confirm the opinion, that these attacks on Religion, Government, and Society result from a combination, to observe, that the attacks on Religion and Society come, generally, from the same description of men, whence come the attacks on Government. And the same arguments, against all, are used here, as in Europe. Have we then no reason to fear, that a similar conspiracy exists here, and that "those, who have turned the world upside down, are come hither also?"

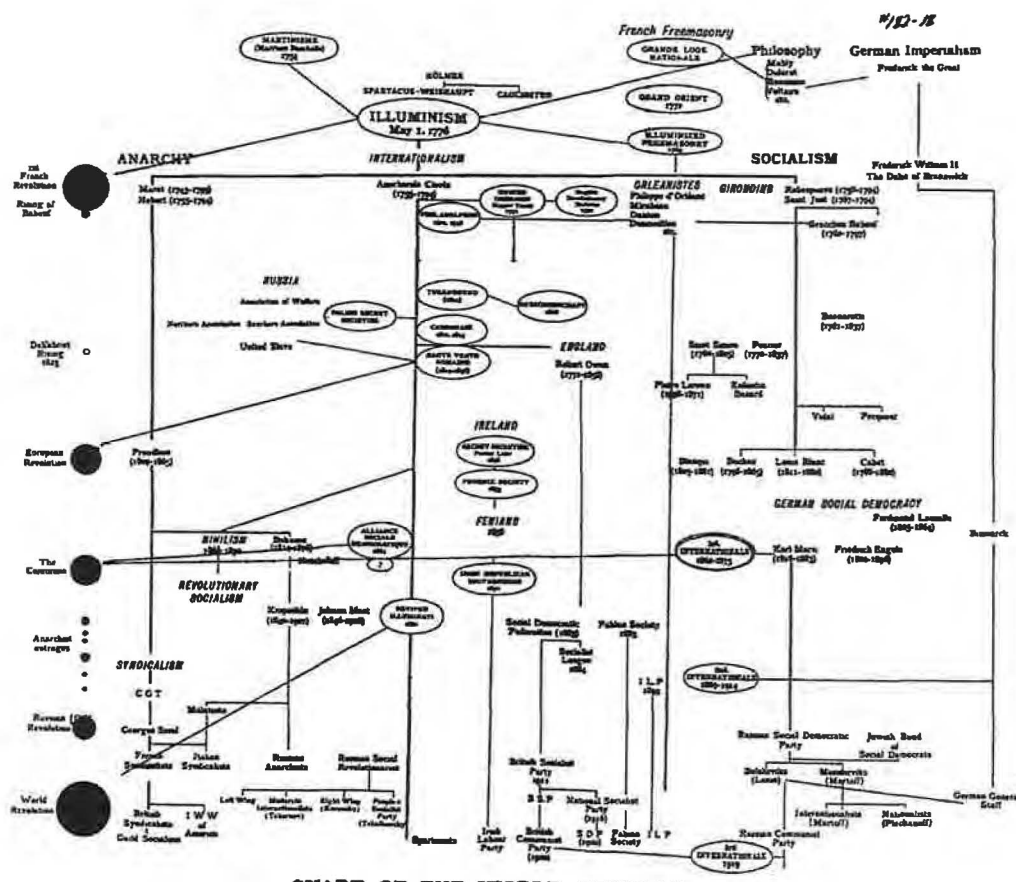
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As there seems to exist, in America, a spirit similar to that, which, in Europe, operated such fatal effects on Religion, Government, and Society; so it works by the same means, by secret societies, by the press, by occupying publications, and places of instruction. That there are secret Societies, in regular subordination, which direct the movement of vast bodies of people, no man, who looks at the result of elections will doubt. The organization of the society of United Irishmen somewhat resembles that of the Illuminati, and seems to be in operation here. That the Press is used, to promote the views of such societies, will not be doubted by any who see the unprincipled similarity of publications, at the same time, from New Hampshire to Georgia. It is evident, that every exertion is made, to fill public stations, and places of instruction, with men who will promote this spirit, and bring it into action. And there is also reason to apprehend, from certain organizations of armed array, and certain plans of instruction, that open force is not unmeditated, and that the corruption of the minds of the rising generation is in prospect. The effect of this spirit, so exerted in Europe, we have witnessed, What may be its

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effect here, is for us seriously and seasonably to reflect. The same causes for it exist not here, and we have, therefore, reason to suspect, that the worst purposes are pursued. We have nothing to hope, but every thing to fear from this Spirit. My mind is deeply impressed with the danger of it: and I will repeat the warning, that *It springs from human pride, and ends in human misery*.

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ROBERT DONNER
7 WEST LAS VEGAS ST
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Dear Friend:

The enclosed reprint of the document, RISE AND PROGRESS OF
REVOLUTION, was a warning to the American people by the
Honorable Alexander Addison in December of the year 1800 and is
more of a warning to them now in this year of 1960--160 years
later and only 25 years after the signing of the Declaration of
Independence and 11 years after the French Revolution.

When you have read and re-read this reprint of that document, I
would appreciate your letting me have your comments because--
THE SURVIVAL OF OUR COUNTRY IS AT STAKE!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Donner". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert Donner

Enclosure

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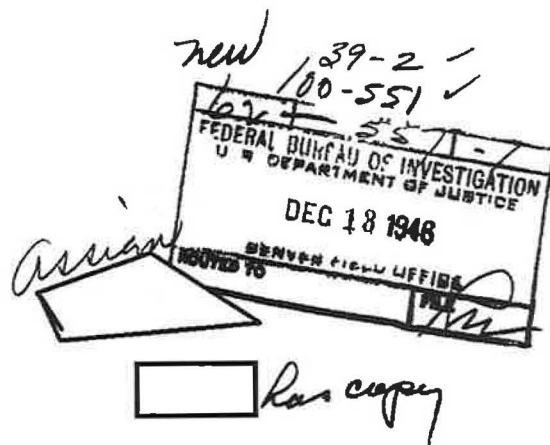
ROBERT DONNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY-- WHITE HOUSE-- CONDUCT IMMEDIATELY
DISCREET INVESTIGATION CONCERNING BACKGROUND, ACTIVITIES, SUBVERSIVE
INCLINATIONS OF ROBERT DONNER, FOUR FIVE NINE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
BUILDING, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. INVESTIGATION MUST BE COMPLETED
AND TELETYPE SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU NO LATER THAN DECEMBER
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ROBERT DONNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE - RETEL THIRTEENTH INSTANT.
ROBERT NEWSOM DONNER BORN DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH, EIGHTEEN NINETY ONE,
COLUMBUS, INDIANA, SON OF W. H. DONNER, WHOSE PRESENT AGE APPROXI-
MATELY EIGHTY FOUR, TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED LINCOLN LIBERTY BUILDING,
PHILADELPHIA, PA FATHER REPUTEDLY WRXX WORTH TEN TO TWELVE MILLION
DOLLARS AND RECENTLY VISITED IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO LEAVING
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BEEN ON WEST COAST WHERE LARGE MONETARY DONATION ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
MADE TO UNIVERSITY, PROBABLY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKLEY
FOR FURTHER RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION ON CYCLOTRON. FATHER ALLEGED
TO HAVE RENOUNCED U. S. CITIZENSHIP SOME TIME PRIOR TO WORLD WAR
TWO TO AVOID PAYING EXORBITANT TAXES AND BECAME CITIZEN OF SWITZERLAND.
WAS ABROAD WHEN WAR BROKE OUT AND ALLEGED TO HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTY
IN GAINING REENTRANCE TO U. S. ABOVE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] COLORADO AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO
[REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D. C. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PRESENTLY A RESIDENT OF [REDACTED] AND ENGAGED AS AN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT CITY. ROBERT DONNER FORMERLY RESIDED ONE TWO ONE
NOTTINGHAM TERRACE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND ENGAGED IN IRON AND STEEL
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BROADMOOR, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY NINE HAS

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HAD VARIED INTERESTS IN MINING, AVIATION AND STOCKS. ATTENDED YALE UNIVERSITY SEPTEMBER NINETEEN ELEVEN TO JUNE NINETEEN TWELVE. ON ARRIVAL IN COLORADO SPRINGS GAVE NAMES OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH

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BUILDING, COLORADO SPRINGS. IS HIGHLY RATED BY [REDACTED] b7D

HAS BEEN MARRIED A SECOND TIME AND NOW HAS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AGE b7C

APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] ATTENDING PRIVATE SCHOOL IN MASSACHUSETTS,

AND [REDACTED] AGE APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] ATTENDING SAN LUIS SCHOOL FOR

GIRLS, COLORADO SPRINGS DID HAVE, AND MAY STILL HAVE, SUBSTANTIAL

INTEREST IN PINE VALLEY AIRPORT, A PRIVATE FLYING FIELD LOCATED

ABOUT TEN MILES NORTH OF COLORADO SPRINGS. HAS BEEN INTERESTED

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IN VARIOUS MINING ENTERPRISES VICINITY CRIPPLE CREEK AND BOULDER COUNTIES, COLORADO. MOST RECENTLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN STOCK FARM NEAR COLORADO SPRINGS AND RAISING THOROUGHbred CATTLE. MAINTAINS SUMMER HOME AT NANTUCKET ISLAND, MASSACHUSETTS. HAS VERY SATISFACTORY BANK ACCOUNT FIRST NATIONAL BANK, COLORADO SPRINGS. IS MEMBER OF CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB AND EL PASO CLUB, BOTH EXCLUSIVE MEN-S CLUBS, COLORADO SPRINGS. NO FRATERNAL CONNECTION KNOWN, NOT INTERESTED IN CHURCH WORK ALTHOUGH CHILDREN HAVE ATTENDED GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. DONNER IS VERY WELL READ, OWNS A MOST EXTENSIVE LIBRARY ON COMMUNIST MATTERS AND IN THE PAST HAS VERY ACTIVELY OPPOSED COMMUNISM, NAZISM AND FASCISM. IN SOME INSTANCES HAS DIRECTED LETTERS TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING R. W. RIIS, DIRECTOR, AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, HAROLD RUGG, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, TEACHERS COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND MANY OTHERS, CRITICIZING VARIOUS BOOKS, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS AS BEING COMMUNISTIC AND RADICAL WHICH SUCH INDIVIDUALS HAVE WRITTEN OR BEEN CONNECTED WITH. HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THIS OFFICE IN THE PAST CONCERNING COMMUNISTIC AND OTHER MATTERS AND HAS BEEN FOUND ENTIRELY RELIABLE. COLORADO SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS DONNER STRICTLY HONEST, VERY COOPERATIVE AND A THOROUGH PATRIOT ALTHOUGH DONNER IS KNOWN TO HAVE POSSIBLY ALLOWED HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR COMBATING COMMUNISM, ETC. TO SOMEWHAT SWAY HIS GOOD

JUDGMENT IN DIRECTING VERY CRITICAL LETTERS TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS HE CONSIDERS RADICAL. DONNER-S SISTER BELIEVED TO HZXX HAVE BEEN FIRST WIFE OF ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT. NOW DIVORCED. DONNER VERY ANTI-NEW DEAL, ANTI-ROOSEVELT AND ANTI-ROOSEVELT FAMILY, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF ABOVE MARITAL SITUATION. DONNER MAINTAINS POWERFUL SHORT WAVE AMATEUR RADIO BROADCASTING STATION IN HOME. IS OWNER OF A DUSENBERG AND ONE OR MORE EXPENSIVE CADILLAC AUTOMOBILES. GENERAL REPUTATION COLORADO SPRINGS VERY GOOD BUT KNOWN GENERALLY AS RABID AMERICAN PATRIOT AND HAS BEEN REFERRED TO NON-SPECIFICALLY AS ANTI-JEWISH. PRESENT [REDACTED] ORIGINATED [REDACTED] NORTH DAKOTA AND IS ONE OF [REDACTED] ALL OF WHOM ARE STATED TO HAVE MARRIED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IDENTITIES OF THEIR HUSBANDS UNKNOWN. DENVER HAS AUTHORED MANY ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS AGAINST VARIOUS COMMUNISTS, MOST RECENT OF WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SERIES OF EDITORIALS AGAINST [REDACTED] WHO APPEARED ON AN OPEN FRXX OXX FORUM DISCUSSION PROGRAM AT COLORADO SPRINGS, SPRING OF NINETEEN FORTY SIX. SOME ARTICLES WRITTEN UNDER NOM DE PLUME OF [REDACTED]. NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED THIS DIVISION UNLESS REQUESTED BY BUREAU IN VIEW OF SUBJECT-S PROMINENCE AND PAST COOPERATION. RUC.

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Director, FBI

March 7, 1947

SAC, Denver

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ROBERT DONNER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

By teletype dated December 13, 1946, this office was instructed by the Bureau to furnish information concerning ROBERT DONNER of Colorado Springs, concerning whom a special inquiry had been made by the White House. The Denver Office replied by teletype of February 17, 1946, furnishing the information available.

There are attached to this letter photographs of a pamphlet entitled "The Roosevelt Death, a Super Mystery." These photographs were made by Special Agent [redacted] of a pamphlet in the possession of an individual in Colorado Springs who advised that it had been given to him by ROBERT DONNER. No further information is available concerning the pamphlet or the manner in which DONNER obtained it and no inquiries are being made in this connection by the Denver Office. It is believed, however, that the pamphlet will be of possible interest to the Bureau and may have some significance in connection with the previous inquiry made concerning DONNER.

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Should any of the information above or in the attachment be used in a report the source should be appropriately protected.

There is no information in the Bureau files which can be identified with the name [] as stated in the attachment prepared from the information furnished except the possibility that the [] mentioned in the attachment may be identical with the [] of the Arab League, one []

Based upon the information furnished a reference which may possibly be identified with the Robert Deemer mentioned in the attachment is a statement contained in the publication "Anti-Semitism in the United Nations in 1947" put out by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, New York City, which on page 50 states "Others who appeared on the periphery of the hate movement included Robert Deemer of Colorado Springs. Deemer has few followers but considerable funds which he uses to distribute large quantities of anti-Semitic propaganda."

Also attached is a copy of a teletype summary from the Denver Office dated December 17, 1946, reporting the results of an investigation conducted by the Bureau at the request of the White House. Should it be necessary at a later date to set this information out in report form the request for this report should be directed to the Denver Office so that the original source may be identified.

The above is being furnished for your information and no action is being requested by the Bureau unless information available to you now or in the future warrants further act).

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

OF B'NAI B'RITH

212 Fifth Avenue — Suite 601

New York 10, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To:

From:

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Date: December 6, 1950

Subject:

In the course of our routine research regarding the dissemination of anti-Semitism within the United States, we became interested not too long ago, in the activities of Arab League professional propagandists active within our borders. As a result of following up leads in this connection, there came to our attention a few minutes ago, a report of a meeting and tentative agreements between Arab League officials in this country and another foreign government. This information is of such a nature that we believe it should be brought forthwith to the attention of the proper federal authorities.

While this memorandum is being dictated, the reports in question are likewise being prepared and will be submitted to you, together with this covering memorandum, as quickly as our courier can reach Washington. Will you please read them carefully and decide in your best judgment, to which authorities you should forthwith transmit the information.

You understand that in addition to reports which are herewith presented we have previous data involving Arab propaganda activity in the United States which, while it does not touch on the kind of international intrigue which is the subject of attached reports, may nevertheless contain interesting background information.

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November 9, 1950

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CAUSE - [REDACTED]

For attention of representatives of the Arab States in the Central Committee of the Arab League. "Since arriving in N.Y. a month ago I have made a contact with an important American who is in a position to supply sufficient arms to the Arab States for them to resist the impending Israel aggression. The man is Robert Donner whose sympathies for the Arab cause know no limit and who through a strange twist of circumstances has been stimulated to aid us by a Jew [REDACTED]

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In view of the importance of this contact, and the significance it can have for the Arab countries, and in order to fight in every possible way against the dominant influence of the Zionists and the pro-Israel groups in the U.S. which dominate U.S. foreign policy, I explained to Donner the necessity in which we find ourselves to get American arms without the knowledge of the American authorities.

Donner recognized this need, agreed and promised the following: 1) Deliveries now through to the midyear of 1951 of a supply of small arms munitions sufficient for the needs of an army of 150,000. The price will be calculated at the rates current in the U.S. prior to the Korean war. 2) Agreement for delivery of planes of models of 1949 and 1950. 3) Number of planes will be determined a) by the limit of our available funds, b) by amount of U.S. government controls and restrictions both legal and unofficial obstructions created by the U.S. authorities. A factory in the Middle West is ready to make contracts with us on the express condition that we keep total secrecy in connection with these sales. 4) Supply of uniforms sufficient for an army of 150,000, the funds to come through voluntary contributions which Donner is prepared to raise in the U.S. up to the middle of 1951. 5) For heavy arms Donner agrees to put us in touch with companies which are prepared to make deliveries before June of

1951.

In my opinion my dear colleagues my first weeks here in the U.S. have been most profitable. As I will explain to you in my next cable I have even succeeded in provoking a lot of conflicts at the very heart of American Jewry and this is only a beginning. If Alla will it, I will continue my efforts in this direction certain that my efforts will be successful so that the vicious influence of the Jews throughout the world will be crushed much as you would trample on a serpent underfoot."

Your servant,

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CABLE FROM [REDACTED]
November 11, 1950

Gentlemen: Referring to my memorandum of last week, having to do with purchases of arms legally and illegally, in the US, I have the honor of bringing to your attention: 1) Mr. Robert Donner, the steel magnate of Colorado, who contacted me, told me in a conversation with him last night, November 10, that the following items can be obtained for the Arab states either separately or together:

First Delivery:

100,000 cartridges 2,3 calibre. These would be shipped December 30, 1950 via New Jersey, Marseilles, and Port Said. Price asked, 8,000 Egyptian pounds, payable either in sterling in London or in dollars.

Second Delivery:

22,500 rifles, calibre 5,6, for the Egyptian army. These will be offered gratis if the first lot is accepted. This second lot can arrive at Beyrout, if necessary by January 15, 1951.

Third Delivery:

8,500 hand grenades, delivery to be made before March '51. The nominal price is 1500 Egyptian pounds, payable in the same way as the above. Delivery would be made at Port Said.

Fourth Delivery:

3 jet planes, the price of which is to be set later, which would be delivered before May '51 at Almass airfield, via San Francisco - Far East - and the Suez Canal. It is to be noted that none of these prices represents the real market value. Mr. Donner has been so kind and generous, together with a number of his friends in sympathy with us in the Middle and Far East, as to carry the difference in costs.

As you can see, the sum required is minute and could be taken out of any of several budgets. The details of other deliveries would be communicated to distinguished members of the League.

The opinion of the members is requested before November 25.

In order to inform our generous benefactor, whose aim is to seek ways to strengthen the Arab countries militarily to resist this embryonic state which is bound to crumble sooner or later.

This report is strictly confidential and should be so treated accordingly.

December 6, 1950

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(Cable)

December 1, 1950

Here is a report of my conversation with Mr. Donner of whom I previously informed you. It concerns his supplying arms to the Arab countries through effective methods that this man has pointed up. He has just arrived from a long trip during which he formed an organization comprising a board of 12 members chosen among those who favor the Arab cause and who detest to the highest degree the disgusting maneuvers of the Zionists and of their allies. This new organization which Mr. Donner calls the Organization for the Military Help of the Undermilitarized Arab Nations will have three branches: One in N.I.C., another somewhere on the West Coast, and the third at the birthplace of Mr. Donner. The one purpose of this organization is to synchronize the efforts (military) that our friends are undertaking to save Palestine. As my Jewish "friend" ([redacted] explained to me this morning [redacted] put "friend" in quotes), such an organization will have an important impact on the country. Why? 1) This organization can raise funds for us to buy arms at this hour when extensive restrictions are put on the manufacture and the supplying of arms with the dangers of World War III on the horizon. Naturally these ways are not particularly legal. But they can save Palestine from the clutches of the Zionists ^{since} we laugh at this illegality. 2) We must recognize also that this organization can aid us in getting the lowest prices for arms and can aid us in paying for a part of this arms. It will aid us too in persuading the U.S. government to close their eyes to such arms transactions. 3) The organization is important because it will permit us to block all supplying of arms to Israel by discreetly countering to block Israeli orders of arms placed here. This organization is powerful. In the board are a high official of the department of Defense, and educational leaders, two bankers well known internationally, etc. In concluding, I want to add that thanks to my Jewish "friend", and thanks to Allah, the Zionists are kept uninformed about our maneuvers. We are working in complete secrecy and their numerous agents have not been able to spot our numerous contacts.

Hence you see the need for the Arab League to continue to classify these reports top secret. Any leak of this information to the Jews would be a serious blow on the hand and would block our hopes to arm the Arab States in order to put up a front against our common enemy.



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Director, FBI

December 21, 1950

SAC, Denver

ROBERT DONNER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The Bureau's attention is directed to correspondence from this office under the above caption in March, 1947, at which time inquiry had been made by the Bureau concerning DONNER, who was distributing a pamphlet entitled "The Roosevelt Death, a Super Mystery."

There is transmitted herewith a petition prepared by DONNER calling for the dismissal of Secretary of State ACHESON and impeachment of President HARRY S. TRUMAN. This petition was prepared by DONNER with the assistance of his attorney in Colorado Springs, and according to information reaching this office has been afforded rather wide circulation, particularly in the Colorado Springs area, by DONNER.

It is transmitted merely for the Bureau's information and no investigation is being made by the Denver Office regarding it.

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Enclosure

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Colorado Springs, Colo.
12-9-50

MEMO, SAC:

RE: ROBERT DONNER;
PETITION FOR DISMISSAL OF DEAN ACHESON
and IMPEACHMENT OF HARRY S. TRUMAN
MISCELLANEOUS

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For your information there is attached hereto a copy of the above-described petition. The writer called at Mr. DONNER's office, Room 459, First National Bank Building, Colorado Springs, this date in response to a request he had made of Chief of Police I. B. BRUCE that he wished to see a Special Agent as soon as possible.

Mr. DONNER stated that he has a great deal of respect for the FBI and a very high regard for Mr. HOOVER, but that the Bureau is about the only Federal Agency that he considers worthwhile. He stated that he wished to make the attached petition available for the Bureau's information. He said the same was drawn by a local attorney, name not disclosed, that the attorney, after drawing same, was the first one to sign the petition. The attorney drew up the petition at the request of Mr. DONNER and the latter indicated that a rather considerable number of persons of substantial means and backgrounds are backing the same. He indicated that he means to begin circulating the petition locally and further, that same will be made available to appropriate Colorado Congressmen in Washington.

After the writer had read over the petition, Mr. DONNER asked if anything contained therein might result in his being sued for slander or libel and as to what reaction the writer thought the circulation of the petition would have in government circles. He was told that the writer would be unable to furnish any legal advice relative to slander or libel, and that undoubtedly his own attorney would be in a better position to evaluate his rights and to advise him relative thereto. The writer adopted a completely non-committal attitude and made no statements either pro or con relative to the petition or its possible repercussions.

Mr. DONNER advised that he had just recently purchased two copies, (one for his home and the other for his office) of MAX LOWENTHAL's new book on the F.B.I., that he has not had sufficient time to read the book, but that same impresses him as another "smear" of J. EDGAR HOOVER and the F.B.I. He requested that the writer take one of the copies of the book to examine which was done. He was advised that the same would be returned to him in a few days.

Mr. DONNER continues to maintain his large estate in Broadmoor but has nearly given up his former interest in flying according to [redacted] who is [redacted] stated that Mr. DONNER is presently suffering from leukemia, but appears to devote a greater percentage of his time than ever before in acquiring information concerning Communists, fellow-travellers, and organizations he considers subversive. It is noted that DONNER again renewed his previous invitation to any Bureau personnel to contact him in the event it is believed that he can assist the Bureau in any way. No further action relative to the attached petition is contemplated in the absence of specific instructions.

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C O P Y

December 11, 1950

New York City
December 5, 1950

To his Excellency Azam pasha, Sec'y, Gen. of the Arab League
Excellency:

Since my coming to the U.S. more than a [redacted] ago I have never halted in my efforts for the Arab cause. I launched against the Jewish vermin the most violent campaign that they had felt for many years. I organized 267 meetings with pro-Arab, anti-Jewish, anti-Zionist, and with numerous neutral groups. My success exceeded my own expectations. I succeeded in provoking cries of indignation in many states which I visited. It must be admitted that, in spite of many difficulties, I succeeded in arousing the conscience of the American public to the increasing Zionist danger. I showed how Zionist barbarism gobbled up Arab Palestine and how a million refugees find themselves today poor, miserably, hungry and ill-clothed because the Jewish (Pondak uses Jewish and Zionist interchangeably) State received support from the American Jews.

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During my trips across the States, with the support of the Catholic and Protestant churches, I succeeded in getting attention in the American press for the Arab cause. I am proud to say that I was the first to get the story of the Arab world to a public which is naive, ignorant and saturated with the propaganda spread by five million American Jews. But I am now very bitter. I have tears in my eyes when I think that because of these dirty Jews my sojourn in America is coming to a close. Official American organizations have interrogated me 12 times about my activities. I was followed by the FBI for over six months. My telephone was constantly watched. Girls were planted on my both in the East and West to spy on my and report back my daily activities to their Zionist backers. Documents were stolen from me and my bags were combed over. During March 1950 I lived in a state of terror because I received monaces, as many as 50 letters a week. Of these I have the copies. My life went black as night in its

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compact obscurity. If it were not for the support, both financial and moral, that I received from anti-Semitic groups here, I would have thrown up the sponge long ago. It makes me sad to have to review the ups and downs I have had to undergo. It is sad that my mission now comes to a close due mainly to interminable Jewish machinations and then by the movement of the Arab movement in the U. S. The Arab movement has failed to give me the assistance that I requested and failed to bolster me up in my moments of distress. It is sad, Excellency, that I now find myself obliged to take up a job in the heart of the Arab world in Lybia, the country where you fought so hard against Anglo-Franco-American imperialism, but so far away from my important field of activity.

I would like in this regard to tell you - simply as a curious episode, some of the Jewish machinations against my person so that your efforts will not be blocked by the same difficulties that I encountered. Because at one time I worked for a newspaper, *Saud el Chaub*, that was the mouthpiece of the High Command in Palestine under the presidency of His Eminence, the undisputed Arab Leader, Hadj Amin el Hussieni, Grand Mufti of Palestine, I was accused of being the porte parole of nazism in the U.S. I must tell you that the personality of the Grand Mufti is intensely attacked by American Jews. They have succeeded in planting a profound resentment against the Mufti with the American public. All association - direct or indirect - with the Higher Arab Command is a great handicap to us. This is why I had to make my fight in denying my association with the Mufti despite my great admiration for this leader. A league which presents to fight social discrimination in the U.S. and which calls itself the Anti-Defamation League, in reality is nothing more than a Zionist-Communist league, and has always defended the rights of the Communist Jews in the U.S. and provoked the worst campaign of hatred against my little self. Under cover of a pseudo-Christian association this League published hundreds of thousands of pamphlets with the aid of the Jewish Congress and the World Zionist Congress and I don't know what other Zionist groups. These pamphlets, of which I have the full texts, accuse me of the worst calumnies. But thanks to Allah, I stood up to them, but perhaps not for very long because there was even a parliamentary investigation against me led by Jewish Congressmen or by pro-Jews. Two weeks ago in San Francisco, I was called on by police authorities of the city who accused me indirectly of being a communist. I was even suspected of dealing in narcotics. I was afraid that

They were going to plant drugs in my valise. Thus my life became impossible and could have been turned into a nightmare if I had not faith in the cause that I am defending. Another time in NYC a man named [] called me to the FBI bureau and interrogated me for three and a half hours about my previous contacts. At the end of the investigation he extended his hand with hatred spread all over his filthy face "My dear friend, you will do better to go back where you came from if you want to live a quiet life." He added at the door "in this country anti-Semitism is fought and racism also. Watch you step." Two days later I learned that this filthy (fin Arab Radee) fact was a Jew Excellency, I must admit to you that tears came into my eyes. These tears were not provoked by the fact that I had failed in my task, but by the fact that I could not continue in my work for the reasons given you and also have not sufficient money to continue my campaign for truth and right. However, I will always be at your disposition whether I am in the Middle or in the Far East, whether I am in the North or South or in the East or in the West give me the weapons and I will fight for you against these international gangsters. I have many ways to continue on in America if I chose. I could stay here either by using legal or illegal means. I could work in where others have failed. I could generate plenty of trouble for the Zionist organizations. Their foundations have been shaken by my long efforts in the U.S. I am not tired but I am depressed. Excellence, I am not panicky, but I am exhausted. Call on me when you want me. I am entirely at your orders.

The world is going through a most critical crisis and in event of war I should exploit the situation to crush our enemies. The last war ended with the wiping out of 6,000,000 of our enemies. I hope that the next war will wipe out the rest of them. With the grace of Allah, I am,

Your serviteur,

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December 11, 1950

CABLE TO ARAB LEAGUE, CAIRO, FROM AEZAM PASHA, DECEMBER 5, FOR GENERAL NOTICE

An agreement in principal was signed today between Assam Pasha, secretary of the Arab League and Mr. Robert Denner covering the three following points: Supply by this agent between Jan. 19, 1951 and Jan. 19, 1953 of the arms needed to equip one division of Arab soldiers. These will comprise: light weapons, some types of pursuit plans, and small ammunition, etc. The payment of these supplies will extend over a period of five years beginning Jan. 1, 1952 to Jan. 1, 1957. The interest will be 1 3/4 per cent. The price paid will be cost price plus 8% profit (which is really the cost of freight.) The amount will be paid not by each of the Arab States individually, but will be paid out by the Arab League serving as the representative of the seven Arab countries. This agreement should be classified top secret. This means that any disclosure of this would threaten the security of the Arab States. No foreign power outside of these seven states should, for any reason whatever, learn of the details. A complete copy of this contract is being sent to each of these Arab states.

This accord is only the first and will doubtless be followed by several more contracts during my sojourn in the U.S. The honesty and sincerity of this agent is above all suspicion. No commission is being paid, although the expenses incidental to contacting this agent are \$50,000. I regard this accord as a great success and a step forward in our rearmament. We concluded it under the very noses of our common enemies and under the nose of the U.S. government, which, under pressure from the Jews, is blocking shipments of arms to the Arab States.

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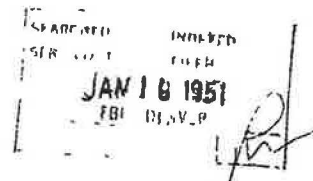
December 26, 1950

DECEMBER 12 FOR ATTENTION OF THE
FROM

On the invitation of the Arab League, Robert Donner has been invited to spend three weeks beginning January 12, 1951. Unless this is countermanded at the last minute Mr. Donner will leave by plane January 12th and will be in Cairo January 15th. An official car from the Arab League should be available to facilitate his getting through customs and passport control. A suite should be prepared for him for three weeks at the Hotel Seniramis in Cairo, and an official should be assigned to accompany him during his three week's stay to facilitate his trips and his activities as guest of the Arab League. The mission of Mr. Donner would be to get a concrete idea of the Arab world on the spot. He should, therefore, be royally entertained. There should be official receptions by the Arab League, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Houstapha Wahab pasha, and a meeting should be arranged with His Highness the king for a royal audience. He should visit not only Cairo but Suez, Alexandria, Suez and Upper Egypt before returning for visits to the Arab capitals where he would be guest of the Arab Governments. His other visit would take five additional weeks before returning to Cairo, and returning to the U. S. around the beginning of April. Full confidence should be shown Mr. Donner with whom we have signed contracts for deliveries of arms during 1951. He should visit the arsenals, see our needs, and see the necessity of our making a stand against the Zionist menace. Particular attention should be given him on his visits among the Arab refugees. As far as possible, he should be shown the worst conditions among the Arab refugees scattered in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, etc.

It is hoped that during his stay in Cairo, the Arab League will be able to negotiate two new agreements for a total of 10 million Egyptian pounds for delivery of heavy military equipment. Everything depends on the kind of reception Mr. Donner receives in the Arab capitals because Mr. Donner likes courtesies, flattery, and expansive manifestations of friendship such as the Arabs are able to show their friends.

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Mr. Donner put us in contact with [redacted] of Colorado so that we are to get in absolute secrecy 10 jet planes over the next three years. The deliveries can take place in 1951, in 1952, or in 1953, but it is understood that our agreement, once signed, will stipulate that deliveries will take place within three years, this taking into account the complications in the international situation and our necessity to conclude agreements in a very secret manner, and even for illegal execution. This shows you why we should reserve a warm welcome for Mr. Donner on his visit to Egypt and to the several Arab states. In view of his weakness for the female sex, it would be worth while to meet this need in a worthy way during his stay in the Arab countries. The choice should of course be made from an exclusively Arab group.

[redacted]

SAC, New York

January 12, 1951

Director, FBI

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ALLEGED ARMS SHIPMENTS TO
ARAB NATIONS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Rebulet to New York 12/12/50, copies of which were furnished to Denver and Washington Field.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated December 5, 1950, at New York City addressed, "To his Excellency Assam pasha, Sec'y. Gen. of the Arab League," signed [redacted] which was furnished to the Bureau on December 26, 1950, in an envelope from [redacted] of the Anti-Defamation League, Washington, D. C. The reliability of this information has not been determined by the Bureau.

The offices receiving copies of the above-mentioned memorandum signed by [redacted] will note a reference to the FBI and a man named [redacted] on page 3. Any information in your files which would shed any light on this allegation as contained on page 3 of this first attachment should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau. If no information is contained in your files relative to this allegation you should so advise the Bureau.

The only information in Bureau files which may be identical with the [redacted] mentioned in the first attachment is as follows:

By intradepartmental memorandum dated 12/14/49 the State Department advised as follows:

"The following information concerning [redacted] who may become a [redacted] applicant case, has been made available to me by a local representative of the American-Jewish Committee:

[redacted] is an Egyptian national now in this country under some sort of UN auspices. He is engaged in unspecified work on the Arab refugee problem. The source alleges that [redacted] has had a [redacted] with the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.

The details of [redacted] the Mufti are reported to be available through [redacted] who is in the [redacted] Office of the [redacted]

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"In the event [redacted] papers are submitted to you, it will be for a [redacted] IHD. I would like to be certain that the allegations set out here are covered in any FBI investigation that may be requested."

The above-mentioned memorandum was entitled, "[redacted]" aka [redacted]

There is no information in Bureau files to the effect that any FBI investigation was ever conducted concerning the [redacted] mentioned in the State Department memorandum of 12/14/49.

There is also attached for the information of all offices receiving copies of this memorandum a typewritten copy of "Cable to [redacted] December 3, for General [redacted] Notice," which was received from [redacted] along with the memorandum dated December 5, 1950, described above.

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Also attached is a copy of a typewritten memorandum entitled, "December 12 for attention of the Directing Committee of the Arab League from [redacted]" which document was received from [redacted] at the Bureau on December 29, 1950.

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With regard to the last two attachments, these are being furnished for your information and no action is being requested by the Bureau unless such action would be warranted by information available to you either through your indices or informants. It should be noted that the information in the latter two attachments have been furnished to the Bureau of Customs.

Should any of the information contained in the attachments or in the above-quoted State Department memorandum be used in a report, the source should be appropriately protected.

Dependent upon the information available the New York Office may desire to determine whether or not [redacted] is registered as an agent of a foreign principal.

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February 6, 1951

Director, FBI

SAC, Denver

ALLEGED ARMS SHIPMENTS TO
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There is no information in the files of the Denver Office which
is identifiable with the individual referred to as

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SAC, New York

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ALLEGED ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ARAB NATIONS;
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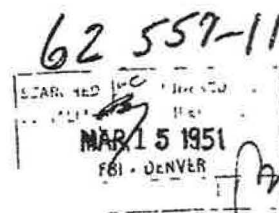
There is no information in the files of the New York Division indicating the identity of [redacted] as mentioned in memorandum by [redacted] enclosed with referenced letter. There is no indication in New York files that [redacted] was ever interviewed by this office.

According to Bureau instructions, no inquiries are being conducted, and if any further information is received re captioned matter, Bureau will be advised.

Bureau is aware of fact that New York is presently conducting investigation concerning material furnished by ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE.

CC: Denver ✓

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE 4/28/51

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT:

ROBERT DONNER
ALLEGED ARMED SHIPMENTS TO ARAB NATIONS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Reference is made to a recent conversation of SA [REDACTED] of this office with [REDACTED] Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, Colorado, at which time [REDACTED] established a copy of a report from headquarters, 5th Army, to all units in this area concerning the activities of one ROBERT DONNER of Colorado Springs, Colorado and one [REDACTED].

A review of the files of the Denver Office reflects numerous references to ROBERT DONNER but none to [REDACTED]. It has been established that ROBERT DONNER is the subject of file 62-557 and that previous inquiries have been conducted by this office concerning his activities. It has also been established that he is violently anti-Communist and violently anti-Semitic.

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It has also been ascertained that previous inquiries have been made regarding ROBERT DONNER's alleged activities in the supplying of armed shipments to the Arab nations in their war on the new nations of Israeli.

A copy of instant 5th Army report has been received from headquarters, 5th Army, Chicago, and it is suggested that same be routed to SA [REDACTED] at Colorado Springs, Colorado with a copy of this memo.

Headquarters 5th Army are greatly desirous of being appraised of the activities of ROBERT DONNER, 459 First National Bank Building, Colorado Springs, Colorado and are very desirous to know of the present whereabouts and current activities of DONNER. It is, therefore, suggested that discreet inquiries be made at Colorado Springs by SA [REDACTED] in the above-mentioned matters and that when these activities and the information of DONNER's whereabouts and current activities be established, the Bureau immediately be appraised of same so that a determination can be made as to whether or not this information should be furnished to headquarters 5th Army and to headquarters G-2 in Washington, D. C. It might possibly at that time, be ascertained by the Bureau that a violation of the delimitation agreement between G-2 and the FBI may exist in that it is believed that G-2 is over-stepping the provisions of the delimitation agreement in attempting to investigate the activities of ROBERT DONNER, a civilian and who is not known to be, at least at present, a member of the armed forces.

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SAC, Denver

May 2, 1951

ROBERT DONNER:

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On April 7, 1951, Headquarters Fifth Army, Office of the AG of S, G-2, Chicago, Illinois, circularized a report concerning ROBERT DONNER to all intelligence branches of the United States Army under the jurisdiction of the Fifth Army Headquarters at Chicago, and advised that headquarters was desirous of obtaining all available information concerning the present whereabouts and activities of DONNER and [redacted]. It was stated that DONNER was currently residing at Colorado Springs, and the whereabouts of [redacted] was unknown.

Memoranda concerning the activities of DONNER have been submitted to the Bureau by this office and the New York Office concerning particularly DONNER's alleged activities in connection with the shipment of arms to the Arab Nations.

For the Bureau's information, DONNER continues to reside at his estate at Broadmoor near Colorado Springs, Colorado, and spends most of his time acquiring information concerning Communists, fellow travelers, and organizations he considers subversive. In December 1950 it was reported by [redacted] of DONNER, that DONNER has given up his interest in flying as he is currently suffering from leukemia.

There is no information in the files of the Denver Office concerning [redacted] other than that contained in Bureau memorandum to New York dated January 12, 1951, enclosing a memo entitled "December 12 For Attention Of The Directing Committee Of The Arab League From [redacted]". This memo on Page 2 states that DONNER had put [redacted] in contact with [redacted] of Colorado in connection with the purchase of ten jet airplanes.

No action is being taken by the Denver Office.

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In Reply
Refer To:
Serial No.

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
Buckley Field
DENVER, COLORADO

9 June 1951

*Robert Donner 62-557 (in file)
and numerous other refs.*

Dear Mr. Weeks:

This past weekend, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy, was in the City, for the primary purpose of receiving an Honorary Degree from Denver University.

During the course of a conversation which I had with the Admiral, he was explaining his work as Chairman of the President's Commission on Loyalty. He told of a man in Colorado Springs by the name of DONNER who appears to be heading a "smear campaign" against the Admiral, the President, the Secretary of Defense, and others in the government through the publishing and distribution of a pamphlet by a person known as [redacted]. The Admiral does not know DONNER's full name, but believes him to be a wealthy man in Colorado Springs, and heading this so-called campaign.

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The Admiral asked me to, if possible, find out what I could about this man DONNER, simply for his personal information. He implied that he does not wish to take any official steps regarding him.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me assistance in this matter, either from any file which you may have on him, or advice as to how to proceed.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R.E. Jones

[redacted]
U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

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Mr. Charles Weeks
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Railway Exchange Building
Denver, Colorado

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518 Railway Exchange Building
Denver, 2, Colorado
June 14, 1951

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[REDACTED]
U. S. Navy
Commanding Officer
U. S. Naval Air Station
Buckley Field
Denver, Colorado

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Dear Captain Jung:

I have your letter about Donner and understand your situation quite well. What I will do is have [REDACTED] call by and see you with what information we have on this matter and you can talk it over with them.

I shall look forward to further contacts with you in the future.

Very truly yours,

C. E. WEEKS
Special Agent in Charge

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"Smear Campaign" Against
Fleet Admiral CHESTER W. NIMITZ
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On 6-9-51, [redacted]

[redacted] Colorado, advised that ADMIRAL NIMITZ was in the city recently and asked him to find out about a man in Colorado Springs named DOWNER who appears to be heading a "Smear Campaign" against the Admiral, the President, the Secretary of Defense and others through the publication and distribution of a pamphlet by a person known as [redacted]

[redacted] asked this office to furnish him with information regarding DOWNER, if possible.

On 6-20-51, [redacted] was advised of the general background of ROBERT DOWNER, prominent and wealthy resident of Colorado Springs. The only information furnished was general information available to anyone having access to credit records in Denver or Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was also furnished with copies of pamphlets and leaflets distributed by [redacted] of Salt Lake City which this office secured through a confidential contact of [redacted] to MR. DOWNER in Colorado Springs. It was noted that two pieces of literature published by [redacted] pertained to ADMIRAL NIMITZ.

[redacted] was advised that we had learned from a confidential source that ROBERT DOWNER had never contributed any money or assisted in the publication or distribution of any material written by [redacted] DOWNER is reported to have said that [redacted] was too anti-Semitic for him. However, it is to be noted that DOWNER had some of her literature and had received numerous requests from [redacted] to contribute to her cause.

[redacted] was advised that he might suggest to ADMIRAL NIMITZ that the ADMIRAL may desire to contact the Bureau where he might

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secure more complete information regarding [] and DOWNER in view of the fact that the Denver Office has only information available obtained in this territory.

The above information was given to [] verbally and in confidence and the above is being reported to the Bureau for its information and assistance should ADMIRAL NIMITZ contact the Director for more information.

It is to be noted that [] has been very cooperative with the Denver Office and is very highly regarded by military officials in this area.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Salt Lake City Office for its information in view of the fact that [] resides in Salt Lake City.

September 15, 1951

W. E. BURGHARDT DUBOIS (du Boise)

W. E. Burghardt Dubois (du Boise), a negro writer; red front promoter; member, National Council of the (Victor L.) Berger National Foundation; member, Book Committee, American Society for Cultural Relations with Russia; member, American Committee of the World Congress Against War; member, National Committee All America Anti-Imperialist League, 1928; member, Executive Committee of the National Council for Protection of Foreign Born Workers, 1930; Vice-Chairman, League for Independent Political Action; member, American Committee for Struggle Against War.

All of the above were, in their time - 1920's and 1930's - Marxian Socialist red fascist fronts.

This character was a member of the present marxist League for Industrial Democracy in 1940 which was the revolutionary Intercollegiate Socialist Society until 1921. He (Dubois or DuBoise) is not listed as a member of L.I.D. in 1950. There was no publicity as to whether he resigned or was ousted or dropped.

The Rocky Mountain News of 13 Sept. 1951, at p. 22, says, "....DuBois, world renowned Negro scholar and statesman and co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. . . ." and, ". . . is the only Negro ever elected to life membership in the American Association for the Advancement of Science; is special U.S. Minister to Liberia and consultant to the U.N. in San Francisco" (in the 1945 conference); "editor from 1910-1934 of 'The Crisis'", of which Vol. II, Revolutionary Radicalism, Part I, Subversive Movements of the Report of the Joint Legislative Committee of the State of New York Investigating Seditious Activities, 1920, quotes (p. 1318-1321) from various issues of this publication of the N.A.A.C.P. in its "study of the tactics and methods employed by revolutionary groups and organizations (which) makes it clear that the present (1920) social unrest, with its revolutionary implications, is not the spontaneous development of economic causes. The growth of the radical

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and revolutionary movement is due largely to the effect of propaganda. False ideas respecting government and the present social order are being sold to the people of this country, as well as other countries, in much the same manner as a manufacturer or merchant sells his wares through the medium of advertising."

The Character Dubois is an old-time extreme leftist or red fascist and the N.A.A.C.P. is a semi-front of the reds which they succeeded in infiltrating years ago and they (reds) are still in it.

In summary, Dubois or DuBoise is allegedly a member of the Criminal Conspiracy against our Republic and has in addition to the citations above, 32 red front listings which include the communist Civil Rights Congress, California Labor School, and has contributed to communist publications Soviet Russia Today (now New World Review), Mainstream, and New Masses.

He is addressing the Denver Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. at 8 PM Sept. 20, 1951, in the New Hope Baptist Church of Denver, on the subject of "Freedom and World Peace". In reporting this the Rocky Mountain News gave none of the red background of the character Dubois or DuBoise.

ROBERT DONNER
459 First National Bank Bldg.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

CHIEF RI DONNER
First National Bank Bldg.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

September 15, 1951

Hon. Kenneth S. Wherry, U.S.S.,
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Senator:

According to an I.N.S. dispatch (13 Sept. 1951),
Capitol Hill talk indicates that you will be the running mate
if the GOP picks Eisenhower to run.

Rep. Curtis added that Sen. Dirksen and Earl
Warren are considered "dark horse" compromises between the
Taft-Eisenhower group for the presidential nomination.

I cannot believe that you would be in favor of
Eisenhower or would consider being his running mate any more
than Everett Dirksen would consider being Warren's running mate.

Eisenhower is a member of the America Last
Global Internationalist and Sinister Council on Foreign Relations
of which Dean Acheson, Alger Hiss, Lawrence Duggan, Owen Lattimore,
Lauchlin Currie, Frederick V. Field, Edward C. Carter and others
of similar category belong.

You are familiar with the above names and the
criminal conspiracy here, in Asia, and in China particularly.

Edward C. Carter is of the I.P.R. and was Chair-
man of Red Cross - United China Relief, headed by Paul Hoffman
(C.F.R. member), China Program Committee to decide the allocation
of money to be sent to China. The amount sent was \$900,000 to
Madame Sun Yat-sen, who used it (with no accounting) presumably
for her communist outlets in China. This was in 1942.

Carter was the Secretary-General of the I.P.R.,
was founder and National President of the Russian War Relief,
and recipient from Stalin of the Order of the Red Banner of
Labor. In 1938, Carter signed a statement, published in the
red fascist Soviet Russia Today (now New World Review), defend-
ing the Moscow Trials. He was a member of the I.P.R. Executive
Committee.

After Pearl Harbor, Carter was one of two in
important positions of passing upon U.S. appointments in China
to American agencies of which many sprung up. U.S. Government
heads found it convenient to permit the I.P.R. to screen their
China personnel for them. The other man was F. Mortimer Graves
who, with Carter, was an important back-stage factor in the
U.S. State Department during War II.

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Carter has been a member of the Council on Foreign Relations since 1927.

I cannot believe that you would condone your name being linked with Eisenhower, who, in my opinion, would be, if elected, a tool in the hands of the sinister and criminal conspiracy against our Republic.

Such gossip should be scotched, I feel.

Yours very truly,

ED/bk

ROBERT DONNER
459 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

September 18, 1951

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Railway Exchange Building,
Denver, Colorado

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Dear Sirs:

I am aware that the FBI is not a prosecuting agency. However, the Department of Justice is, and I am concerned with the case of Alger Hiss, who will be released from the Federal Penitentiary at Danbury, Connecticut, in the not too distant future.

If legally possible, this dangerous member of the Criminal Conspiracy should be arrested and tried again under the McCarran Act of 1950 or for treason during War II, unless that is not possible. At least, he could be arrested as a member of the criminal conspiracy to overthrow the U. S. Government, I should think.

The Red Dean Acheson has never retracted his statement that he "would not turn his back on his friend, Alger Hiss." Others, including Anna Eleanor Roosevelt and Felix Frankfurter, have not retracted their vouching for him.

Dean Acheson is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, as was Alger Hiss, Frederick Vanderbilt Field, Lawrence Duggan, Lauchlin Currie, Owen Lattimore, Phillip Jessup and others. Except for Duggan (suicide or pushed), these all may still be members. I know they were up to the 1949-50 Report of the C.F.R.

In the Freeman, issue of 9 April 1951, at p. 435, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt said, "smearing good people like Lauchlin Currie, Alger Hiss and others is, I think, unforgiveable. Though. . . anyone knowing either Mr. Currie or Mr. Hiss, who are two people I happen to know fairly well, would not need any denial on their part to know they are not Communists. Their records prove it."

I say their collaborations, cooperations and possible affiliations and associations indicate that they are members of the criminal conspiracy against the Republic of the U.S.A.

Acheson and Anna Eleanor are not lilies. Having done all the damage he can to our country in his aid to the reds, he now can well afford to turn and get "tough" with the Kremlin. They will excuse it, but smear him, which will help Mr. A.

As for Anna Eleanor R., she is not intellectually duped or mentally depraved and is a part of the Criminal Conspiracy in her naive subtle way, in my opinion. She has many associations, affiliations, collaborations and cooperations which confirm this. I have quite a file on her. 62-557-25

Very truly yours

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ROBERT DONNER -
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On September 6, 1951, DONNER made available to an Agent of the Denver Office a number of items relating to Communist Party activities in Florida in 1937 and 1938. DONNER advised he secured these items at Boca Raton, Florida in 1938 from the Boca Raton Police Department.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original of a letter prepared by DONNER dated 19 March 1951, addressed to Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. This letter is self-explanatory and sets forth acquisition of these items by DONNER and also description of the various items. DONNER stated he prepared this letter in March of 1951, intending to forward it and all the items to the Bureau but neglected to do so. DONNER has now advised he desires that all this information be turned over to the FBI for any disposition the Bureau deems necessary.

A copy of DONNER's letter dated 19 March 1951 is enclosed herewith for the Miami Office. Also enclosed herewith for the Miami Office are all the various exhibits which are described in the letter of DONNER, including the eight Communist Party books described on Page 1 of this letter, and all the other items described on Pages 2 and 3 of the letter.

These items are all being forwarded to the Miami Office inasmuch as the Denver Office is in no position to evaluate this material. The Miami Office is requested to examine this material to correlate it with other information available to the Miami Office, and to furnish the Bureau with the results of the evaluation of this material.

The Bureau has extensive background information regarding DONNER. For the information of the Miami Office, DONNER is a millionaire, who resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado, who is active in the collection of information regarding security matters in the United States, and who has furnished considerable information of this nature to the Denver Office and the Bureau over the past several years.

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Enclosure for the Bureau

Original of letter from ROBERT DONNER date 19 March 1951 addressed to Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER.

Enclosures for the Miami Office

Copy of DONNER's letter dated 19 March 1951 to Mr. HOOVER; one box containing all items mentioned in DONNER's letter to be sent registered mail, return receipt requested.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC
 FROM : SA [REDACTED]
 SUBJECT: ROBERT DONNER
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE 9-25-51

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Reference is made to Serials 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 of this file which includes three letters from MR. DONNER to this office together with enclosures.

It is to be noted that DONNER in the letter dated 9-18-51, desires us to furnish him information regarding W. E. DUBOIS.

In another letter dated 9-15-51, MR. DONNER desires us to advise him if we are desirous of securing information from him.

The 9-18-51, letter contains information regarding the Secretary of State, DEAN ACHESON.

It is suggested that the above-mentioned serials and this memorandum be forwarded to one of our Resident Agents at Colorado Springs; that they contact MR. DONNER personally and explain to him that the files and records of this organization are to be held in confidence and that we are not in a position to furnish him any information resulting from our investigations. It is further suggested that MR. DONNER be advised that we are desirous of securing from him any information that he deems would assist this organization in fulfilling its responsibilities.

It is to be noted that MR. DONNER is violently opposed to the Secretary of State, the President and to the wife of former President ROOSEVELT. It is to be noted further that DONNER has disseminated copies of letters which he has received from [REDACTED] which contain untrue information.

Because of MR. DONNER's position in the community and his well intensions efforts should be made not to lose the good will of this individual. However, he should be

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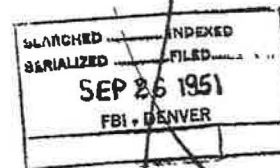
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tactfully advised that this office ^{is} does not investigate the SECRETARY OF STATE and MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT for violations of a Federal Law.

It is to be noted that both AGENTS [] and [] know DONNER very well and it is felt that this matter can be handled without causing any embarrassment to the Bureau and at the same time making it a matter of record that we are not becoming a part of DONNER's mailing list to receive correspondence regarding his personal opinions.

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October 2, 1951

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Reference is made to butel dated September 7, 1951, requesting the Denver Office to interview ROBERT DONNER and [redacted] regarding correspondence which DONNER relayed to [redacted] wherein [redacted] made the statement that DEAN ACHESON was a member of the Communist Party.

On September 10, 1951, there were forwarded to the Bureau photostatic copies of the correspondence which clearly showed that [redacted] in a letter to DONNER on March 17, 1951 wrote that ACHESON was a member of the special cell of the Communist Party which operated out of an old violin studio at 1503 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C.

It is to be noted that the Minneapolis Office interviewed [redacted] on September 15, last, and [redacted] denied ever saying or writing that ACHESON was a part of this Communist Party cell.

There are enclosed herewith photographic copies of correspondence between DONNER, [redacted] and [redacted] regarding DEAN ACHESON for the information of the Bureau.

It is to be noted that both [redacted] and ROBERT DONNER have been in the past and are at the present cooperating with the FBI, however it is to be noted from the correspondence that all three of these men are violently opposed to the Secretary of State and are apparently furnishing any information that they can obtain to Senator MC CARTHY regarding this controversial matter.

The developed film which contains this matter is being retained in the Denver Office, however, this office does not desire that the enclosed material be returned to this office.

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September 8, 1951
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[REDACTED] LIVED FROM BUREAU SEPTEMBER SEVEN LAST.

QUOTE [REDACTED], FORMER PITTSBURGH [REDACTED] FORMER
INFORMANT [REDACTED] HAS IN HIS POSSESSION CERTAIN LETTERS ALLEGING THAT
SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON WAS FORMERLY IN A COMMUNIST PARTY CELL IN
WASHINGTON, D. C. THE LETTERS WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COLORADO ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE, ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO, AND ROBERT
DONNER, WHOM [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS RETIRED BANKER AND RABID ANTI-COMMUNIST AND
ANTI-SOCIALIST, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. [REDACTED] SAYS HE RECEIVED THESE
LETTERS THROUGH THE MAILE FROM DONNER ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO AND HAD
PREVIOUSLY MET DONNER IN NEW YORK CITY THREE MONTHS AGO. PERTINENT PORTION
OF FIRST LETTER DATED MARCH TWENTY SIX, FIFTY ONE, FROM DONNER TO [REDACTED] SET
OUT QUOTE THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH SEVENTEEN AND I NOTE THAT DEAN
ACHESON WAS A MEMBER THE SPECIAL CELL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH OPERATED
OUT OF AN OLD VIOLIN STUDIO AT ONE FIVE NAUGHT THREE CONNECTICUT AVENUE, IN
WASHINGTON, D. C. UNQUOTE, AND THAT QUOTE THE SPECIAL COURIER SENT LATER WAS
[REDACTED] A SON OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] THIS CELL WAS COMPOSED OF SUCH PEOPLE AS
JOHN ABT, LEE PRESSMAN, ALGER HISS, NATHAN WITT WAS ONE OF FIRST CELL ORGANIZED

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IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL, UNQUOTE. QUOTE, THIS I BELIEVE WAS IN NINETEEN THIRTY
FOUR, AND FROM WHAT YOU SAY I ASSUME ACHESON WAS A MEMBER OF THIS CELL AT
THAT TIME. DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED, AS I BELIEVE YOU SAID WHEN YOU
WERE HERE THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF SUCH A CELL AS LATE AS NINETEEN THIRTY
NINE UNQUOTE. IN HIS REPLY TO DONNER DATED APRIL TWENTY SIX LAST, [] STATED
QUOTE CONCERNING THE PARAGRAPH ON DEAN ACHESON, OF MARCH TWENTY SIX I DO
NOT KNOW HOW LONG HE REMAINED A MEMBER OF THAT BRANCH OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY,
BUT I DO KNOW THAT HE WAS STILL A MEMBER OF THE PARTY WHEN I LEFT THE PARTY IN
NINETEEN THIRTY NINE UNQUOTE. [] ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF
RELIABILITY OF EITHER [] OR DONNER, OR OF AUTHENTICITY OF INFORMATION SET
OUT IN ABOVE LETTERS. PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THESE LETTERS ARE BEING MADE
BY PITTSBURGH. INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY DONNER AND [] TO OBTAIN DETAILS
THIS MATTER. SUTEL RESULTS INTERVIEW AND ANY BACKGROUND DATA ON [] AND
DONNER CONTAINED FILES YOUR OFFICE, UNQUOTE. [] IS NOW AT HIS
[] HOME, [] [] [] UNTIL SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN.
[] HANDLE [] INTERVIEW. DENVER WILL SET FORTH BACKGROUND DATA
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September 8, 1951
10:00 A. M. MST

DIRECTOR, FBI

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[REDACTED] FORMER PITTSBURGH [REDACTED] REBUTEL SEPTEMBER
SEVEN, LAST. [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] INFORMATION FURNISHED MILWAUKEE TO HANDLE
[REDACTED] INTERVIEW. EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE DONNER WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED
EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Denver

REGISTERED MAIL

DATE: October 17, 1951

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: DEAN ACHESON;
PHILIP CARYL JESSUP
Information Concerning
(Denver file 62-5579)

Reference is made to your letter of October 1, 1951, furnishing material which had been made available to your office by Robert Donner, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Pursuant to your request this material is attached herewith. A photostatic copy of this material has been made at the Bureau.

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ROBERT DONNER

487 E. 1st St. and Bank Bldg
Colorado Springs, Colo.

October 24, 1951

Mr. James A. Linen, Publisher,
Time Magazine,
Time and Life Building,
Rockefeller Center,
New York 20, N. Y.

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Numerous 100 references

Dear Mr. Linen:

I have been a reader of Time over the years and have quite a few bound volumes of it, and I have your letter of October 11, in reply to my letter of October 3, regarding the Newspaper Guild.

It is appreciated that records of some four years ago may not be applicable now, but on the other hand, I know this - that a great many journalists are of the left wing by choice and some by indoctrination in the many schools of journalism in the educational institutions of our Republic, of which you, no doubt, are well aware.

Your current issue of Time contains Joe McCarthy's picture on the front cover and four pages of smear, which I think may have been written by a left wing journalist because I know that certain documented data and documents or photostats thereof were given to the Tydings Committee in closed session and were buried deep in that committee. The Time article supports the characters Lattimore, Jessup, and others, and from my knowledge of these two men they are both distinctly of the America Last conspiracy to sell our country down the Marxian Socialist road to bankruptcy and national suicide. Of course, these two allegedly had a lot to do with the sell-out of China to the Communists, and there were numerous others involved in that same situation, which caused the Korea mess or Truman's "police action."

This is a case in point of where I believe the writer of this article is a left wing journalist who got most of his information, not from investigation, but from research in various left wing publications which are anti-McCarthy and follow the red line without troubling to investigate or do further research.

I can well realize that Time would try to be very particular in its hiring of employees, and having 4,000 employees, that it is a job, but it can be done by having proper security personnel. However, I have found that the Personnel Departments are very often infiltrated with those of the left, whether they be Communists or Marxian Socialists, which are both one and the same to me and many others whom I know. Then, the Public Relations Departments of various companies are infiltrated in the same manner.

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Journalists of this type get a name and they get that name very quickly. They are hard to get rid of and not by any means naive, intellectually duped or mentally depraved, although some of them are not that way by choice, as stated, but through the education they have received at all levels including the high schools and our American institutions of higher learning.

I believe you when you say that Time has never knowingly hired a left winger and is critical of any totalitarian form of government, but you add "whether it be a Communist, Nazi or Fascist." In the first place, Communism, Nazism and Fascism can all be classed as Marxian Socialism or National Socialism, and there is little, if any, difference between a Communist and a Socialist and CONSUMERISM IS REALLY SOCIALISM, in support of which I enclose herewith an article I worked on for some time after consulting with many individuals who have been following the drive of America Lasters to push our country down the Marxian Socialist road to bankruptcy and national suicide.

The Newspaper Guild figure I sent you of 50% of Time's employees voting the red fascist marxian socialist communist slate was obtained by me from Counterattack, issue No. 189, of January 5, 1951, which you possibly know about or may have. What that figure is now I don't know, but if you do I would appreciate it because the American Newspaper Guild is a cited red front and not alone cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee, but by the California Un-American Activities Committee in 1945 and 1949 and other State and/or Federal agencies.

I also appreciate very much your writing me as you did and my only objective is to inform and fight to save our Republic, in the hope that at least some people can become actively alert to the criminal conspiracy in our midst against our Republic.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

October 27, 1951

EDUCATION

There are many who do not think there is any subversion of American Youth going on in education at all levels.

It is not necessary to tell you about it, but I give you the following references:- National Republic Lettergram #144, "The Reds Rewrite Our American History", "The School System of Pasadena" by Catherine Hallberg and Louise H. Fadelord. The last was inserted in the Congressional Record on July 26, 1951 by Senator Owen Brewster. Also see American Legion's various exposures of the education conspiracy and their current data in Trends & Developments; Counterattack letters including data on the criminal educators and publishers of books; and Chapter 3 of "Reds In America", 1924, by R. M. Whitney. Then there is "T.N.T.", 1932, by Edwin Marshall Hadley, which had 26 printings or more; "Sinister Shadows" 1929, by M. Hadley; "The Poisoned Loving-Cup", 1928, by Charles Grant Miller; "Education for Destruction", 1941, by Bessie R. Burchett, and others. Another interesting book is "Prejudice and the Press", 1950, by Frank Hughes, exposing Robert M. Hutchins and the University of Chicago. Another must book is "God and Man At Yale", just out, by Wm. F. Buckley, Jr., Yale, 1950, published by Henry Regnery Co., 20 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Illinois. This book is of the utmost importance by a brilliant graduate of Yale, class of 1950. The situation at Yale is typical of that in most other institutions and the book should be read by every American

You may not need to be told of the hold the educator members of the Criminal Conspiracy have on education, but many people do need to be told about it.

Most members of Boards of Education, Trustees and Regents need to be told about this Conspiracy, which got its start in 1905 when the Intercollegiate Socialist Society was formed by Jack London and other revolutionaries of that time.

Everyone should do what they can to enlighten real Americans in regard to the conspiracy to poison the minds of our Youth through indoctrination with anti-American textbooks authored by members of the Educational Conspiracy.

~~Many Public Libraries are in the hands of the main body of left wing and~~
~~this condition should be exposed. Many of the books listed are in the list of the~~
pro-American books and those exposing the Criminal Conspiracy are found in few libraries.

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BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT ON EDUCATION WHICH SHOW HOW THE REDS AND THE AMERICAN LAST EDUCATORS HAVE DESIGNED A CONSPIRACY IN EDUCATION (RELIGION), AND HOW IT WORKS.

1. SINISTER SHADOWS, by Edwin Marshall Hadley, 1929
2. T.N.T., by Edwin Marshall Hadley, 1931-32, over 32 printings
3. THE POISONED LOVING-CUP, by Charles Grant Miller, 1928
4. EDUCATION FOR DESTRUCTION, by Bessie R. Burchett, Ph.D, 1941
5. NATIONAL REPUBLIC MAGAZINE, LETTERGRAM and WEEKLY LETTER, by Walter Steele, on current matters like United Nations, World Government (names names):
6. EDUCATIONAL REVIEWER, National Council on Education, Mrs. Lucille Cardin Crain
7. BULLETIN, FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 702 Albee Building, Washington, D.C.
8. DARE THE SCHOOL BUILD A NEW SOCIAL ORDER?, 1934, by the marxian socialist America Lester George S. Counts, who calls himself now anti-Communist after years fellow-traveling with socialist communists. He holds forth at Columbia Teachers College as Professor of Education. Last known address (1949), 501 West 120th Street, New York City 27; phone University 4-7000.
9. LUSK REPORT, being the Report of the Joint Legislative Committee of the State of New York Investigating Seditious Activities, entitled REVOLUTIONARY RADICALISM - SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS, in 4 volumes, filed 24 April 1920, in the Senate of the State of New York (has much on education).
10. PREJUDICE AND THE PRESS, 1950, by Frank Hughes, exposing Robert Maynard Hutchins for President of Chicago University, and now of the America Last Ford Foundation. This exposes marxian socialism on the campus and on the faculty.
11. AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; Report of the Commission on the Social Studies, 1934, George S. Counts, Research Director, who wrote his booklet "Dare the School Build A New Social Order?" in 1934.

This list has been done hurriedly, and other books or data could be mentioned, but the above tells the story, past and present.

ROBERT DONNER
459 First National Bank Building
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY

Digest of her testimony, 13 May 1949, before the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization of the Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate, on S. 1832 (to amend the Immigration Act of 16 October 1918, as amended), having particular reference to her EDUCATION which molded her into "a complete pushover for Marxian Socialism" so that she ended up in joining that Criminal Conspiracy at the age of about 26 years.

She appeared under subpoena, accompanied by Joseph A. Egan, attorney, 51 Chambers St., New York, N. Y., associated with Godfrey P. Schmidt, attorney for Miss Bentley.

After being sworn in, she stated she had a Bachelor's Degree from VASSAR COLLEGE, Master's Degree from COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, and one year's study at the UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE, ITALY; Teaching experience at the FOXCROFT SCHOOL, Middleburg, Virginia.

She testified regarding her connections with espionage as concerned with aliens (p. 107 ff) saying, "I worked with the Russian secret police from 1938 on in New York City, and then, from 1941 through 1945, I worked with U.S. Government employees who were obtaining information for the Russian Secret Police."

She was born at New Milford, Connecticut, in 1908.

"When I became a Communist, I was finishing the last part of my master's thesis at Columbia, the end of 1934 and beginning of 1935.

"I would say that my studies in Vassar had gotten me to the point where I was a complete pushover for Communism. I would say that that is the general tendency, not only in Vassar, but in a goodly number of colleges. Other people have told me the same thing." (p. 108)

"In becoming a Communist there are two stages. One you go through before you even know a Communist. You go through a system of upbringing in education which in my day - and it is still going on today - tends to take whatever religion you have out of you and to undermine your faith in democracy at a very young age, at an age when a youngster needs something to hang onto, something to believe in, something to fight for; instead you are left in a terrible state of confusion; you no longer perhaps have any belief in God. You have been taught that our democracy has failed, because all you have been shown in your schooling is social injustices, and you are left high and dry, not believing in anything. The zeal that you should turn towards believing in your own country and your own religion is unfortunately sidetracked in the Communist cause, because the Communists come to you with a nice idealistic program and tell you, 'Well, the only thing we can build on this earth is a decent life for mankind and you are a part of it. Maybe you won't see it in your day, but it will come to pass one day.'" (p. 122)

Should you wish the entire four page digest of this testimony, write

ROBERT DONNER

459 First National Bank Bldg.
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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ROBERT DONNER
459 First National Bank Bldg.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

30 October 1951

Editor, Yale Daily News
202 York Street,
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Sir:

Regarding William Buckley, Jr.'s book "God and Man At Yale", I have noted various letters you have published by some of the educators and others at Yale who smear Mr. Buckley, and I wish to take this opportunity to advise you and them that there are about thirty members of Yale's faculty who are America Lasters of the educational left and of what is called the Conspiracy in Education.

This conspiracy in education had its beginning in 1905 when the Intercollegiate Socialist Society was formed by the revolutionary socialist Jack London and some extreme America Lasters of that period, including radical marxian socialist educators, anarchists, IWW's, etc.

It is not felt that the faculty members who smear Buckley are either mentally depraved or intellectually duped - they know what they are doing. This conspiracy is planned and directed to turn the minds of the youth against their own country, mold their minds into believing that their country owes them a living, and make of them marxian socialist America Lasters by their subtle indoctrination.

The smear and/or critical letters written by various Yale faculty members and others leave my eyes dry, because those who criticize Mr. Buckley's book are either naive, mentally depraved, or members of the educational conspiracy against our Republic.

More power to Bill Buckley for having taken initiative reluctantly and written "God and Man at Yale."

Yours very truly,

(signed) ROBERT DONNER

P.S. See attached sheet showing names of
those to whom this letter is being sent.

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ROBERT DONNER
459 First National Bank Bldg.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

November 7, 1951

COPY OF LETTER TO A PERSONAL FRIEND

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Dear [redacted]

Thanks for your letter of 2 November.

The book "God and Man at Yale" is by Bill Buckley, Jr., who was a successful student and is no sorehead. He ran the Yale Daily News, headed the debating team, and finished five years at Yale with distinction.

Most intellectuals and educators feel they have to be on the left. They shake their fists at God and country and gaze starry-eyed at the Kremlin.

Because he prefers the U. S. Republic to all other countries and prefers Yale to all other colleges, that makes Bill a bigot and a reactionary, or so they say. He wanted his education at Yale and got propaganda and teaching for atheism, Keynesian economics and marxism - all against his country.

As the New York Daily Mirror editorialized on 3 October:

"But he raises a few questions that upset the academic applecart, not only at Yale, but for all American Universities. He asks:

1. Who is responsible for what goes on in a university?
2. Buckley wants to know whether professors enjoy freedom to fake, to lie, to corrupt, to confuse, to twist facts.
3. If the professors run these colleges (and schools) and they enjoy academic freedom, what protection does the student have? For instance, if the student disagrees with a professor's notion that God is the bunk and the U. S. a lousy country but Soviet Russia is a paradise, will the student be marked down for answering wrong? In a word, do students have to accept the professors as Gospel?

In my studies Yale is only a sample and Harvard, Chicago, California, Columbia take higher positions in the field of subversion of education and the indoctrination of American youth with anti-American alien marxian socialist ideologies.

A house cleaning in education is long past due and "academic freedom" and "tenure" are the terms behind which the educational conspirators hide.

I find that [redacted] is expecting some of these books and the reason she does not have them is the first printing was sold out in short order. The second printing is on the way and should be here any day.

Sincerely,

(signed) ROBERT DONNER
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ROBERT DONNER
459 First National Bank Building
Colorado Springs, Colorado

February 15, 1952

TO ALL AMERICANS:-

The enclosed is sent for your reference use to the names of anti-American members of the Conspiracy to overthrow the Republic of the U.S.A.

This document is a true copy of the original, being titled "Inclosure No. 76388 from the Dept. of Justice", which you may already have.

The cases cited cover all security violations by marxian socialists (communists) and the disposition of them from a search of the records of the Dept. of Justice through 176,000 individual case files up to January, 1952. The list was compiled under the supervision and direction of Assistant U. S. Attorney General James M. McInerney - the request for same originating from Senator Joseph McCarthy's office.

Some of the characters were acquitted, others were convicted, and some convictions were reversed.

You may have this, but if you need any more copies, I will furnish them as long as the supply lasts. It can be run again and should be widely distributed.

One should question the right to freedom (on bail) of such conspirators as Harry Bridges, Judith Coplon and others, and the trial of others indicted in June and July 1951 - Elizabeth Gurley Flynn et al; Frankfeld et al; Kazuyuki et al; Schneiderman et al; and Spector et al, arrested 31 August 1951 and never indicted according to this record.

Sincerely, 62-557-46

ROBERT DONNER

FEB 19 1952

Put in Donner file

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC
 FROM : SA [REDACTED]
 SUBJECT: ROBERT DONNER
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE June 4, 1952

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On May 27, 1952, [REDACTED] of the Free Press, Colorado Springs, Colorado, turned over to the writer a quantity of material, which he has been amassing for the past several months with regard to DONNER. This material consists of various pamphlets and propaganda material being distributed by DONNER, and also includes [REDACTED] DONNER's [REDACTED] which [REDACTED] advised were furnished him by [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Colorado, where DONNER's [REDACTED] is located. [REDACTED] did not divulge the name of this [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that he believes that DONNER and other right wing agitators, such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are very possibly engaged in a conspiracy similar to the Communist conspiracy to overthrow this government, but from the Fascist angle rather than the Communist angle.

[REDACTED] stated that there has been considerable friction between DONNER and himself over some of the views [REDACTED] has expressed in speeches and in the Free Press, which DONNER has labeled as "radical". [REDACTED] stated that he has attempted, however, to maintain an objective point of view with regard to DONNER, and that it is because of his sincere belief that DONNER's activities and associates and correspondents should be made a matter of record that he desires to turn over the above material to the FBI.

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[REDACTED] stated that he felt it entirely possible that a few years from now, if a right wing faction had developed to the point where it threatened to assume control of this government, it would be of value to have on file information regarding persons involved in such a movement. [REDACTED] stated that he does not desire this material returned, that it may be destroyed, or put to any other use which the FBI deems desirable.

It is recommended that this material (which is not being listed and detailed inasmuch as the bulk of it is of a general nature already brought to the attention of this Bureau) be placed in a bulky exhibit of this file, and be retained for a period of one year. This retention is recommended inasmuch as the possibility exists that the activities of DONNER and his associates may at some time in the future give rise to a request for investigation by this Bureau. At the end of one year, further consideration should then be given as to the disposition of this material.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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ROBERT DONNER

Enclosed for the Bureau is a series of photostats of the title page of a publication entitled "Jews, Unite!", published 1945 by Mediator's Publisher, 36 West 46th Street, New York 19, New York, and charts and diagrams taken from this publication.

ROBERT DONNER, Colorado Springs, Colorado, who is known to the Bureau, furnished this information to an agent of this office with the request that it be forwarded to the Bureau for information and any action deemed appropriate by the Bureau. Mr. DONNER stated that he feels it possible that this publication may refer to a conspiracy by the Jewish race to form a world-wide organization with sinister intent. Mr. DONNER further stated that he has in his files the entire publication from which these photostats are taken and that if the Bureau desires he will be happy to make this entire publication available to the Bureau.

No further action in this matter is being taken by the Denver Office.

JTB:PD *[Handwritten mark]*
Encs. (8)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 9/18/52

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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[redacted] telephonically advised the writer this date that she had received some literature from the COLORADO CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION, Colorado Springs, Colorado. A MR. RALPH DONNER was listed as the chairman or President.

[redacted] said the tone of the material was of a Communistic nature and more or less assailed the National Education Association, Colorado Teachers Association, and the present Superintendent of Schools at Englewood, Colorado as leading some type of leftist movement.

She stated she would mail the material to this office in the very near future.

CC: [redacted]

set file on [redacted] 62-557

Post Ralph Donner

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TRUE COPY

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

[redacted]
[redacted] Colorado.

J. EDGAR HOOVER
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

With the knowledge that your are not always able to release information for fear of incriminating the person the information is about, I ask for information concerning a certain Mr. Robert Donner of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Donner maintains that "He is devoting the rest of his life to combat communism." I feel this is a wonderful way to devote ones life, but I would like to know from better source if he is sincere in his statement.

Because of my profession, [redacted] for the Boy Scouts of America, I would feel more at ease to have confirmation from your department that this man Robert Donner means well in is fight against communism.

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I would also like your confirmation on the address- Un-American Activities, Room 226, Old House Office Building, Washington, D.C. for reliable information pertaining to subversive activities.

Sincerely

/s/ [redacted]

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September 19, 1952

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[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted], Colorado

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked September 12, 1952, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for the rules in this regard and will not infer either that we do, or that we do not, have the information you request.

With regard to your inquiry, the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Room 226, Old House Office Building, Washington, D. C., does furnish data pertaining to subversive activities.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Denver, with copy of incoming

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Open Parliament

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WANTS SOME ANSWERS

To the Editor

I have never before written a letter to an editor of a newspaper, but after residing in your city for the past seven months and subscribing to the Gazette Telegraph since that time I have been inclined to do so many times. Your editorial page is the most "anti" everything of any paper I have ever read and I have lived in cities whose papers ranged from extremely "liberal" to your city where you are extremely biased and "anti."

Since you have begun on the public school system, however, I cannot refrain from defending the schools because you have proven you only need to get one proven point and you tear asunder a whole system.

I have two sons in the grade school of Colorado Springs. One is in the first grade and one is in the second. The first-grade students do get some "S" or "S-" grades on their card, only in such subjects as arithmetic (of which they have very little) and the other is spelling.

The child in the second grade receives the same kind of grades we received in grade school twenty years ago — A's thru F's. I do not know which school your friend's child attends who received the "S" graded card, but you should investigate your subject more before jumping to wrong conclusions.

Also, the schools may be "government" schools as you call them, but at least my child has learned to read, write, and count since starting to school — something I had not taught him at home.

As for the coercion you speak of in compulsory education, I think you have nothing to be alarmed about in your fair state. The laws here on that are very lax. For proof I can offer two fourth-grade students who live near me. They have working (or don't care) mothers and they stay away from school as much as they go. I have yet to see anyone investigating this situation and the absentee marks are put on the report cards.

The last thing on education that prompted me to not put off my letter any longer was the letter published in your paper from Mr. James A. Stitzel on Feb. 7 of his year. As you admitted, Mr. Stitzel's letter was sincere and,

Here Are the Facts, Ma'am

Mrs. Wilma Clark has taken exception to our editorial policy with respect to government schools. Her letter appears elsewhere on this page.

We will attempt to provide her with some "straight-forward" answers to her questions, as she requests.

First, we would like to say again how much we appreciate hearing from persons who are honest and sincere in their own point of view even if it doesn't coincide with our own.

Next, we would like to offer a word in defense of Betty Knowles Hunt, whose extremely popular column, "Before the Dishes," has gained great nation-wide acceptance. Betty Hunt is a woman, and obviously her viewpoint is that of a woman. The sweeping indictment that it "offers nothing to nobody" is merely an unsupported opinion without backing or reference of any kind.

AS REPORTED

Mrs. Clark apparently challenges our report of the "S" graded report card we covered in a previous editorial ("S" Is For School," Gazette Telegraph, Feb. 4, 1935). The subject was investigated before the editorial was written and the facts are as reported.

When a bad law appears on the books, the fact that it is only laxly enforced does not remove the evil. Law and justice are very nearly synonymous terms insofar as popular connotation is concerned. If a law is wrong morally, it is bad. If it is not enforced, it helps to breed disrespect for law and consequently for justice. If it cannot be enforced, then it is that much worse. But the evil begins when a bad law is put on the books.

COMPULSION

IS COERCION

Laws regarding financial support of government schools as well as attendance at government schools are coercive.

It is no more right or moral to compel people to pay for a school in which they don't believe, or in which they have no children, than it is right to compel people to pay for a church in which they don't believe, or in which they have no interest. Education is just as much a personal matter of choice as religion. If you think that compulsory taxation for government schools is moral, then why would not compulsory taxation for a government supported Council of

Churches be just as moral?

HISTORY OF TYRANNY

We do not berate government in any form. We berate artificial and coercive government in any form.

The history of the world has established that some governments become tyrannies. The history of the world has established that all governments have a tendency to grow in size and power. Tyranny occurs when a government becomes large and powerful. We oppose excessive government whether at home or abroad because in it are the coercive and oppressive characteristics which create tyranny.

Mrs. Clark asks for a straight-forward answer to this question: "What would happen to a country as large and rich as our own without government?"

We don't know. Further, we do not think she knows. She could guess and so could we, but neither of us knows.

THE PEOPLE DID IT

This much we do know, however. This country would not be as large nor as rich as it presently is, if at the beginning it had a government as large and powerful as it now has. The largeness and greatness and richness of this country occurred because we had a small, clearly defined, carefully controlled and limited government. Thus the American people (not their government) established the greatest nation on earth.

Mrs. Clark's final question gives us opportunities for rhapsody. She wants to know if there is anything in the country or the form of government that we like and enjoy. There are hundreds of things in fact there are very few things in the country we don't like and enjoy. As for our government, we have few illusions regarding it. The things we like about it are these: The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution with its Bill of Rights. Altho we, the people, have lost much in the way of freedom, we still do retain, despite the government, a land rich in opportunity and human freedom.

MEN ARE FREE

Our country is rich in its heritage. It was the first land dedicated to the concept that government is inherently evil, and that people are inherently good. We believe in that heritage. We believe in preserving the American Revolution which endeavored, not to overthrow a tyrant, but rather to prove that men are free.

elligent and deep-thinking person. However, it was noteworthy—and would be amusing if the subject was not so serious — to read your answer to Mr Stitzel's letter. You have more knack for "beating around the bush" than any newspaper man I've ever met, and having a newsmen in the family I have met some of the best—and some of the worst.

You berate our form of government — no, more than that — you berate government in any form. May I ask and receive a straight answer — what would happen to a country as large and rich as our own without government?

You are quick to offer criticism, but in most cases you offer no solution to the situation.

One more question — is there anything in our country or form of government that you like or enjoy?

Since subscribing to your paper I have read one editorial of yours that was "anti" something, with which I agreed. Your articles on the Council of Churches were very enlightening and the church members of all faiths should realize it doesn't take an organization to work out religious beliefs. If we have a sincere faith in what we believe and a real love of our fellow man (the very basis of Christ's teaching) we do not need such a group as the Council of Churches to represent us.

Now, before I close I want to tell you, as another lady did in your paper I do not want to cancel my subscription to the Gazette Telegraph. Perhaps it is good to have something raise our ire and bring us out of our lackadaisical attitudes, but I hope to get some straight-forward answers to my questions.

MRS WILMA CLARK
619 Stevens Avenue
Colorado Springs

P.S. What is the purpose of the "Before the Dishes" articles by Betty Knowles Hunt? If it is to give a woman's viewpoint and for the purpose of attracting women readers to your editorial page you must think women of today are a little senile and led like a herd of sheep. The column offers "nothing to nobody."

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REBUTTAL TO A CRITIC

Mrs. Wilma Clark
619 Stevens Avenue
Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Dear Mrs. Clark

Having read your letter to the only pro-American paper in this community (I have lived here since 1939), I cannot help but hold reservations as to your intellectual honesty in the same issue (Feb. 18) the lead editorial entitled "Here are the Facts, Ma'am" answered your letter in full. In their issue of Sunday, Feb. 20, 1955, I adjure you to read "Poison Without a Label" and "These Teach Your Child" (from government sources).

Don't you think the Board of Education of School District No. 11 should be ousted, at least in part, at the next election? Why do they condone such books by authors of the socialist-communist conspiracy? Do you now defend the government-controlled schools teaching socialism-communism to the youth? It may be that you have helped teach your child, as all parents should, but you do not confirm that.

More power to you for recognizing the badness of the Council of Churches, the full name of which is the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, formerly the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which you may know. It was simply a change of name in Cleveland in 1950, which is done when left-wing or un-American organizations become "under fire," as the Federal Council was for many years, and still is, notwithstanding the change of name.

The list of books in the high school library is revealing in itself — books by Communists and Socialists. As the Gazette says in its editorial of Feb. 20 "Our government schools are storage bins for socialist and communist ideol-

ogies. But they are not labeled as such."

You have a right to your opinion of Betty Hunt's writing, and I, Betty Hunt and the Gazette have a right to ours. I find her column very interesting and I understand she has several children. She has records to refer to, thinks, listens, acts and writes.

Regarding your questioning the Gazette's attitude toward "our form of government" and "any government in any form," big and bureaucratic government is tyrannical. We have a big and bureaucratic government now and it has been growing bigger and bigger and more and more bureaucratic since the advent of the Roosevelts in 1932. That's for 24-25 years.

Do you like federal taxes, state taxes, city taxes and the many hidden taxes you must pay or else, in support of big, coercive government? And do you like the continuing higher taxes in support of government schools having storage bins of books by socialists and communist authors?

ROBERT DONNEL
830 N. Tejon Street
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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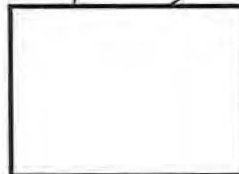
Reurlet December 11, 1958, requesting identity of
ROBERT DONNER, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Files of the Denver Division reflect DONNER is a
prominent Colorado Springs multi-millionaire who has furnished
information to the Bureau on several instances in the past
concerning Communist matters. Reported to be reliable,
entirely anti-Communist and anti-Fascist.

Past contact by this office with DONNER has proved
him entirely cooperative, and if desired by your office, an
interview with him concerning [redacted] can be conducted.

RUC. *this is a closed file*

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Robert Donner Funeral Rites Set Tuesday

Colorado Springs Bureau of
The Rocky Mountain News

COLORADO SPRINGS, Aug 10 —Funeral services will be held Tuesday noon for Robert Donner, prominent Colorado Springs and Buffalo, N.Y., business and civic leader who died Saturday night at his home, 50 Marland rd., Broadmoor. He was 72.

The rites will be held at the Episcopal Chapel of Our Saviour in Broadmoor with the Rev Desmond O'Connell officiating. Private burial services will be held in Evergreen Cemetery, with the Law Mortuary in charge.

Mr. Donner was active in a number of organizations including Broadmoor Golf Club, Cheyenne Mountain Country Club, El Paso Club, Exchange Club and The Cooking Club, all of Colorado Springs; the Denver Club and the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco.

He was vice president and a director of the Donner Steel Co Inc of Buffalo from 1918 to 1929. He retired in 1930, but later founded the Donner Corp in Philadelphia, an investment firm, and he had served as president and board chairman of the Donner Foundation with offices in Colorado Springs since 1946.

He had been chairman of the board of the foundation since 1952.

Mr. Donner was born in Columbus, Ind., on Dec. 17, 1891, and attended Phillips Academy and Yale University.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Robert Donner Jr. of Colorado Springs and a daughter, Mrs William M. Spencer Jr. of Mill Valley, Calif., and five grandchildren.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state)

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